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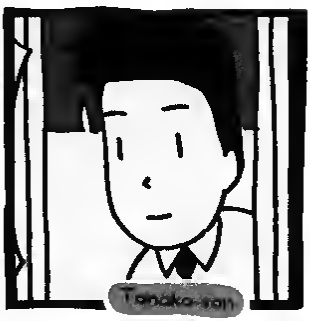

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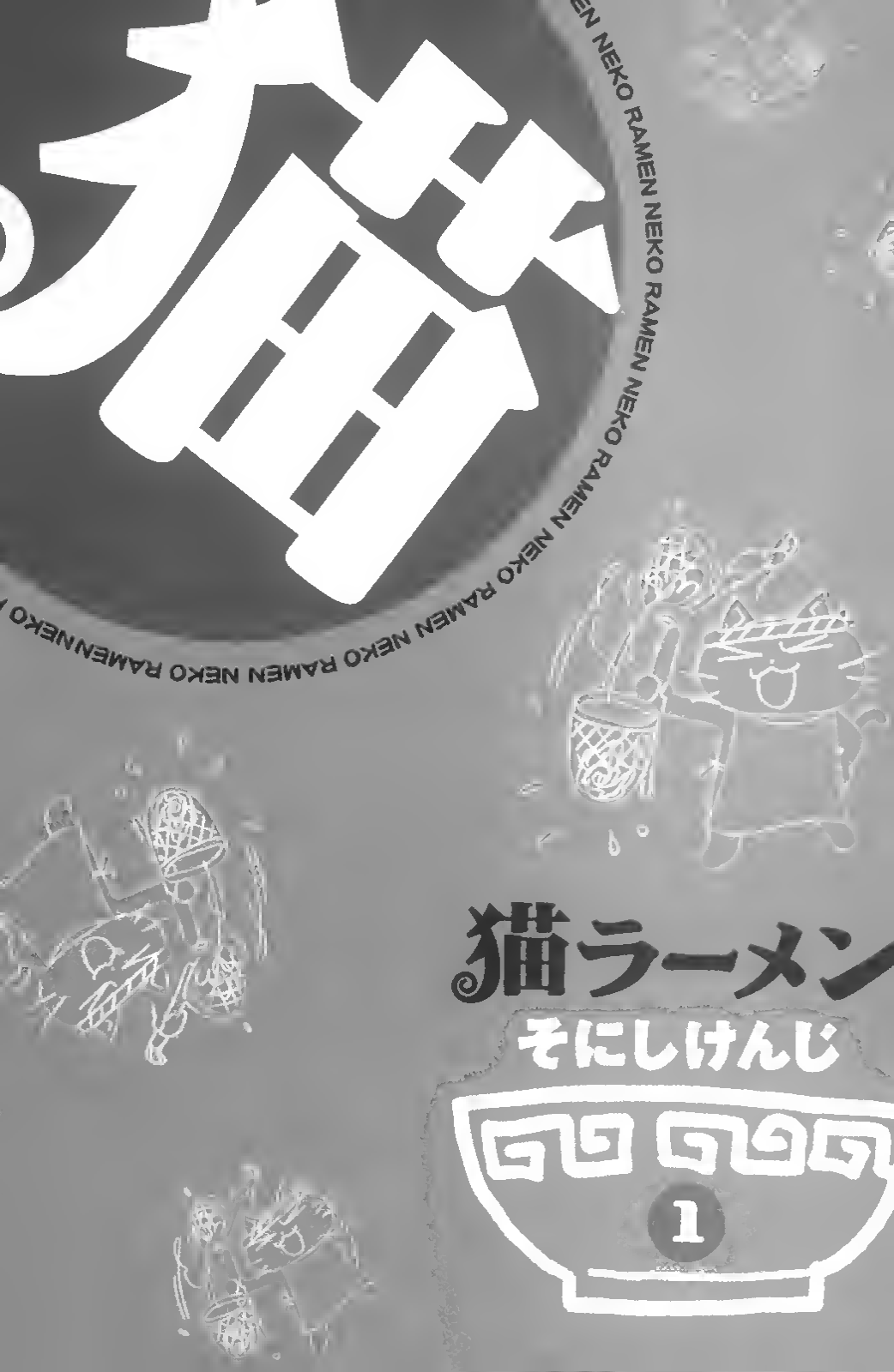
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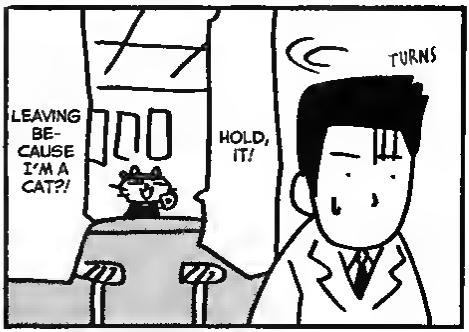

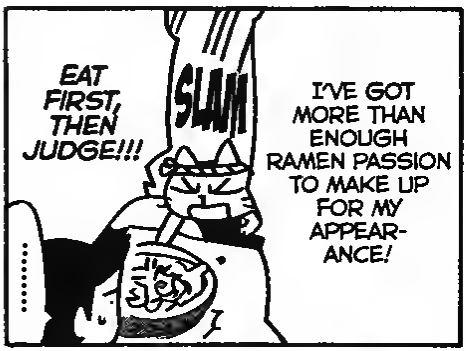

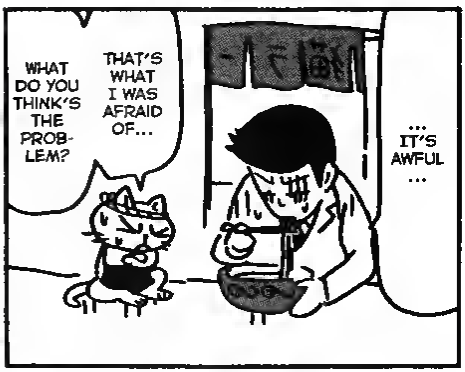

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Taisho's Morning Routine

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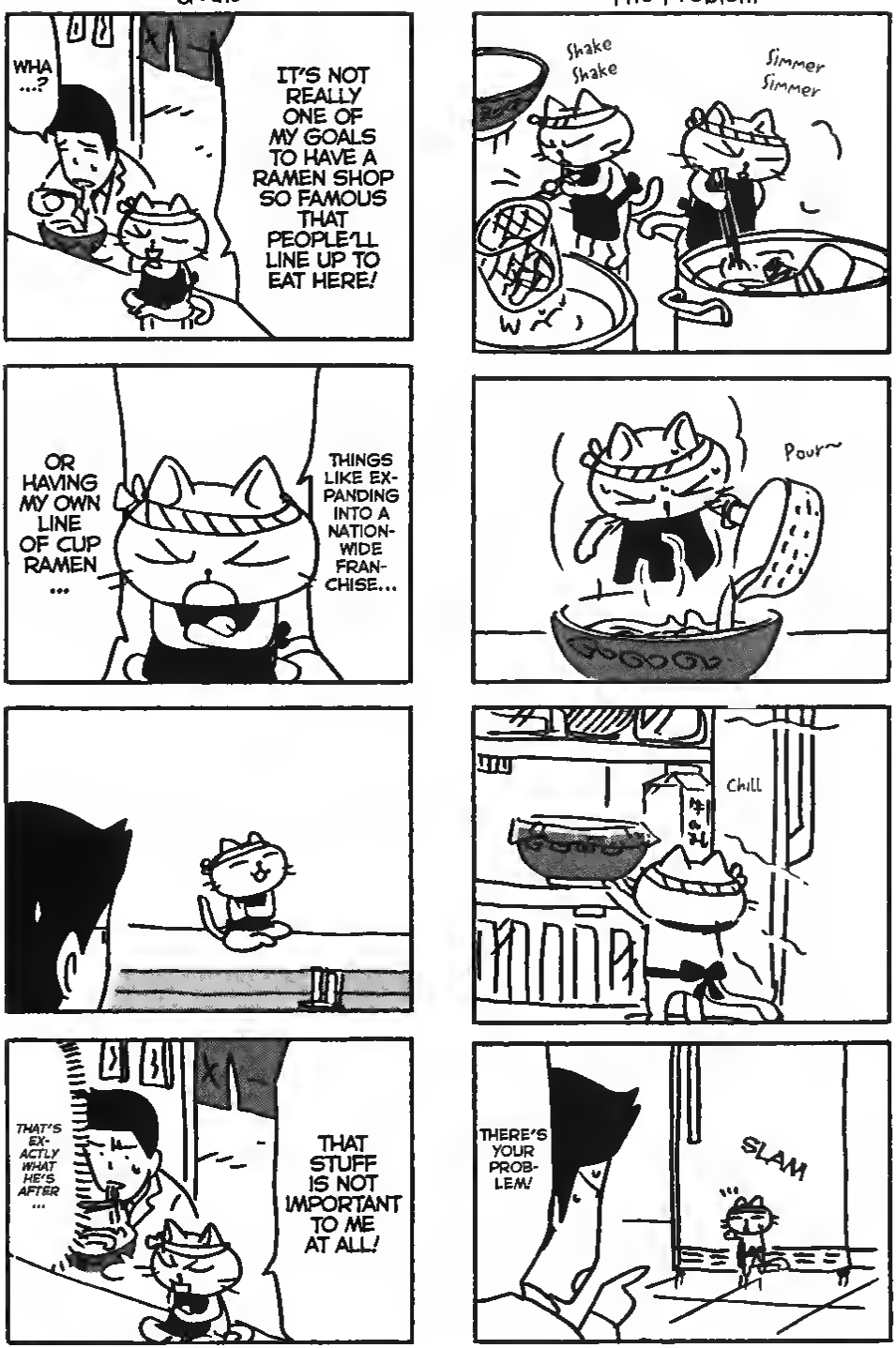
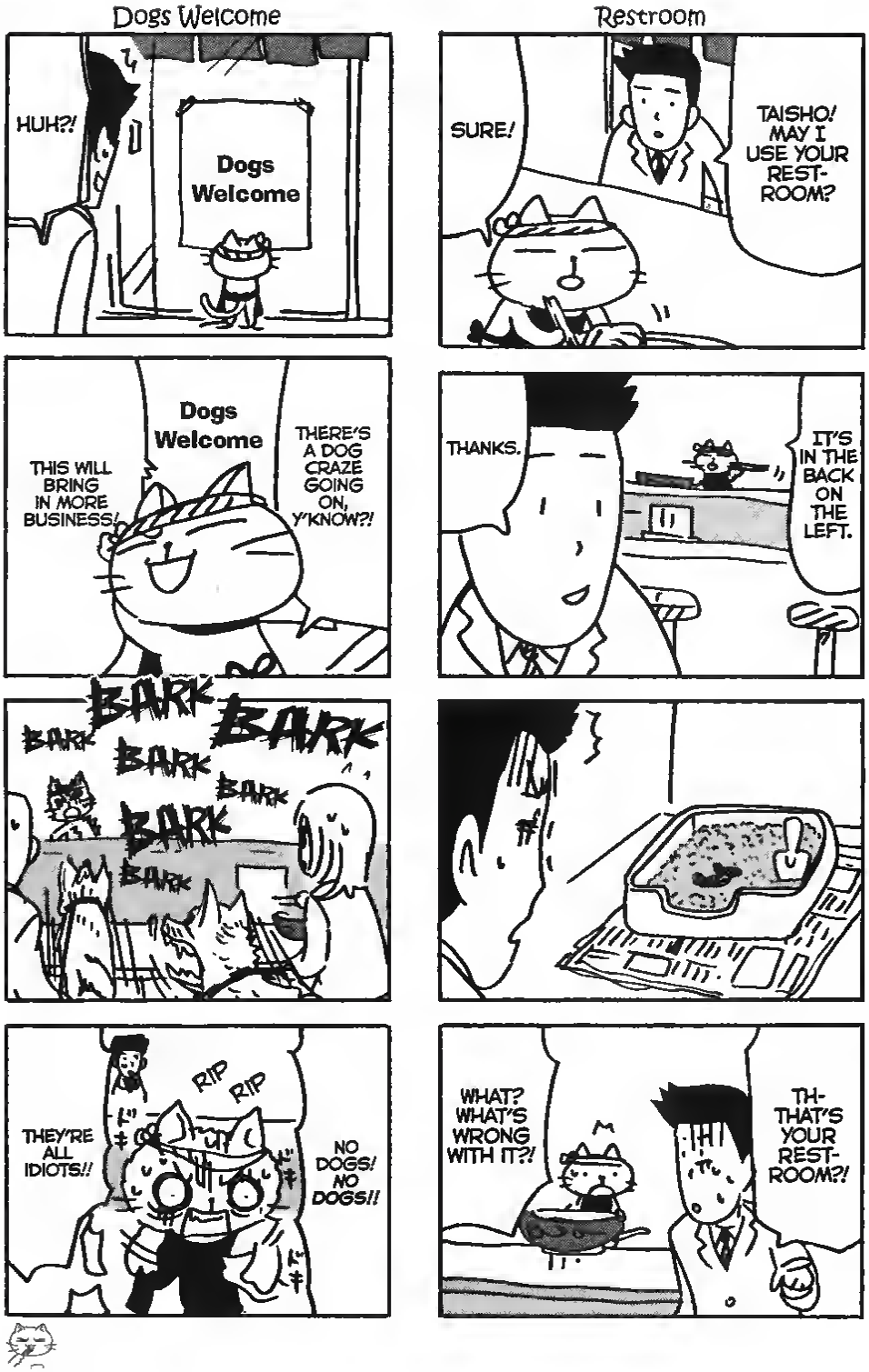
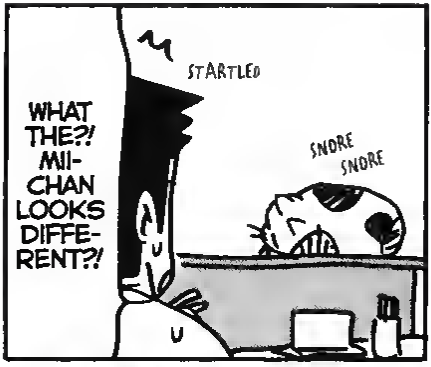
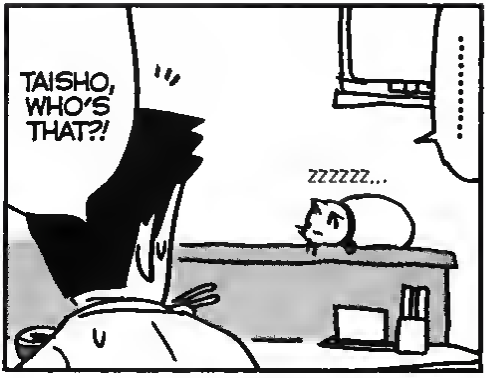
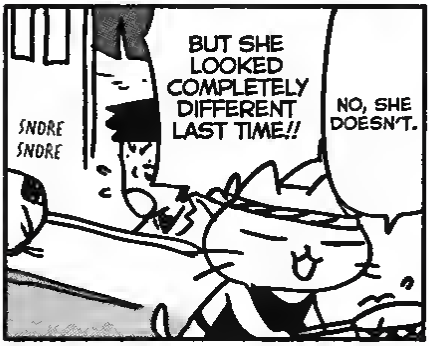
Chapter 1

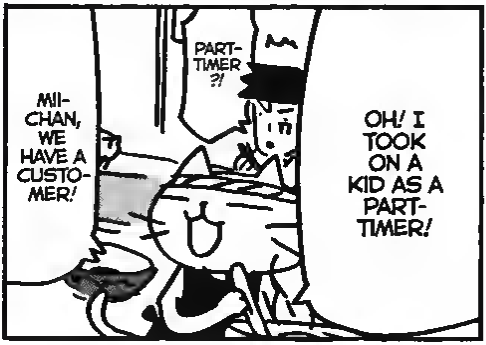

Goals
The Problem
WHA ...?
IT'S NOT REALLY ONE OF MY GOALS TO HAVE A RAMEN SHOP SO FAMOUS THAT PEOPLE'LL LINE UP TO EAT HERE!
Shake Shake
Simmer Simmer
OR HAVING MY OWN LINE OF CUP RAMEN ...
THINGS LIKE EXPANDING INTO A NATIONWIDE FRANCHISE...
Pour~
Chill
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE'S AFTER ...
THAT STUFF IS NOT IMPORTANT TO ME AT ALL!
THERE'S YOUR PROBLEM!
SLAM

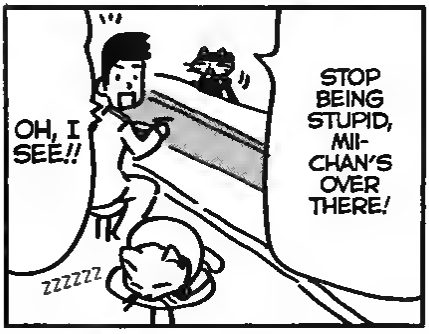

Dogs Welcome
HUH?!
Dogs Welcome
Restroom
SURE!
TAISHO! MAY I USE YOUR REST-ROOM?
Dogs Welcome
THIS WILL BRING IN MORE BUSINESS!
THERE'S A DOG CRAZE GOING ON, Y'KNOW?!
THANKS.
IT'S IN THE BACK ON THE LEFT.
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
RIP
RIP
THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS!!
NO DOGS! NO DOGS!!
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?!
TH-THAT'S YOUR REST-ROOM?!

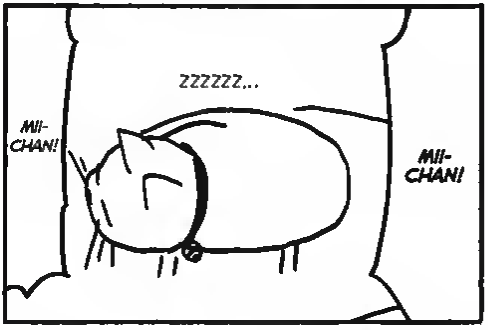

STARTLED
WHAT THE?! MII-CHAN LOOKS DIFFE-RENT?!
SNORE
SNORE

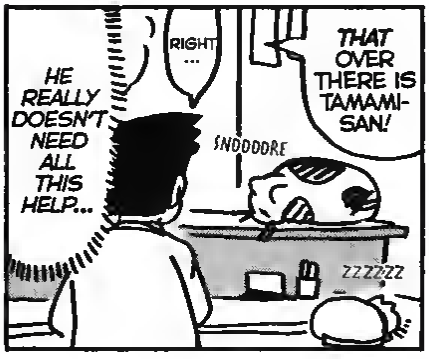

TAISHO, WHO'S THAT?!
ZZZZZZ...


SNORE
SNORE
BUT SHE LOOKED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LAST TIME!!
NO, SHE DOESN'T.


MII-CHAN, WE HAVE A CUSTO-MER!
PART-TIMER ?!
OH! I TOOK ON A KID AS A PART-TIMER!

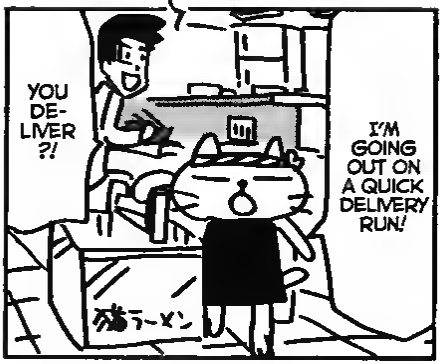

OH, I SEE!!
STOP BEING STUPID, MII-CHAN'S OVER THERE!
ZZZZZZ

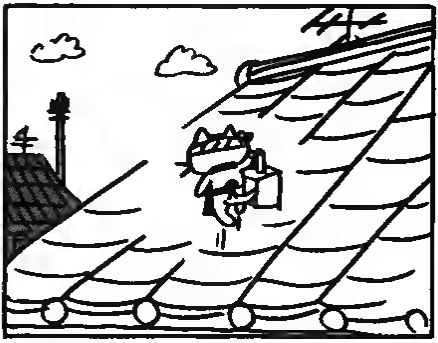

ZZZZZZ...
MII-CHAN!
MII-CHAN!

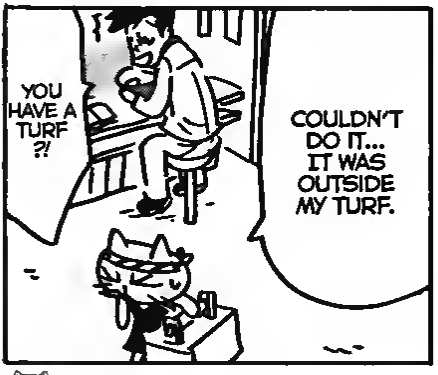

HE REALLY DOESN'T NEED ALL THIS HELP...
RIGHT...
THAT OVER THERE IS TAMAMI-SAN!
SNOOOORE
ZZZZZZ

WELL ...I DON'T THINK HER YOUTH IS THE PROB-LEM...
CAN'T EVEN SAY HELLO?
JEEZ! KIDS THESE DAYS!
ZZZZZZ...

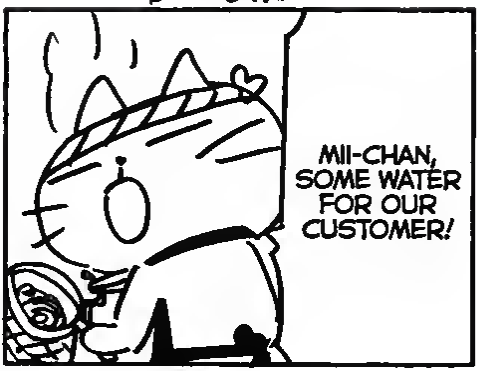
Delivery

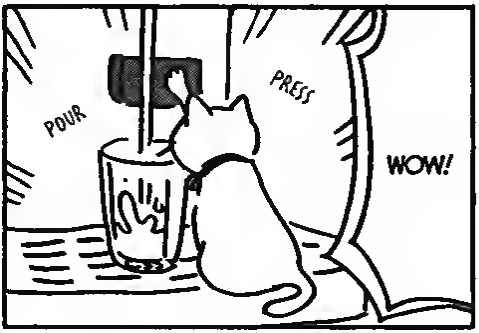


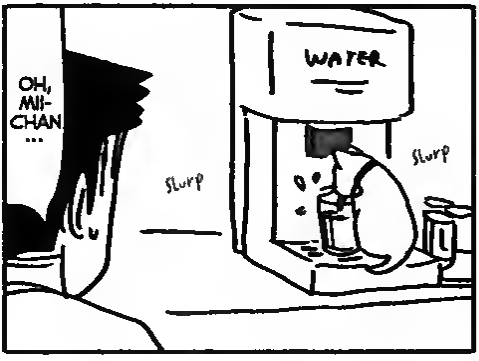




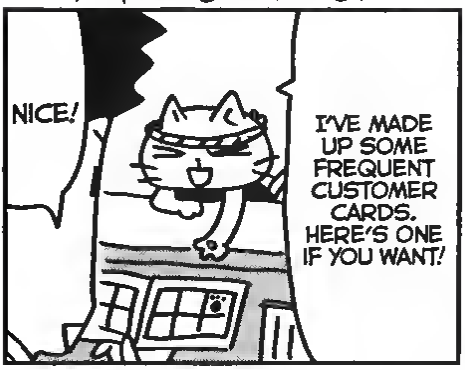
Serving Water

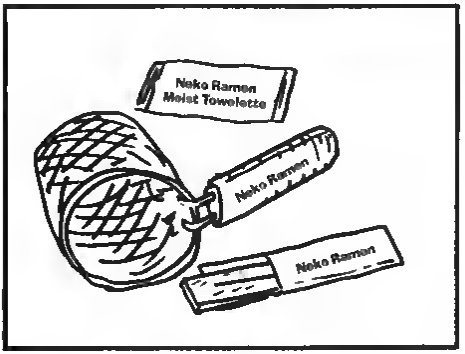


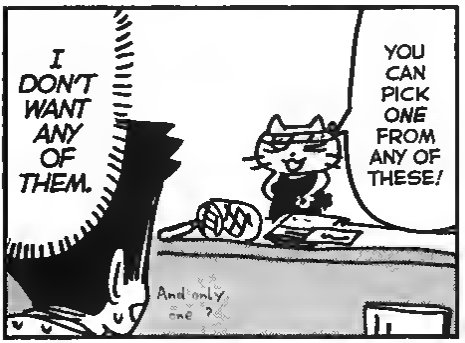




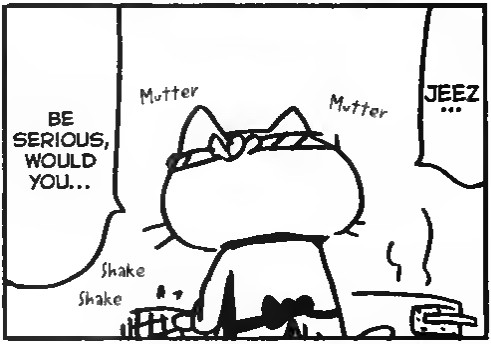
Frequent Customer Card



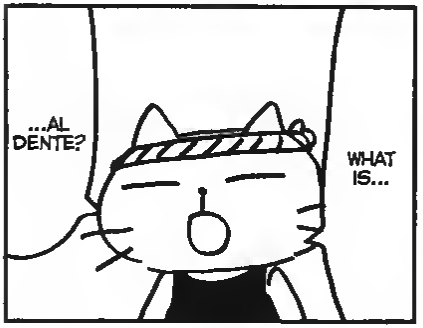


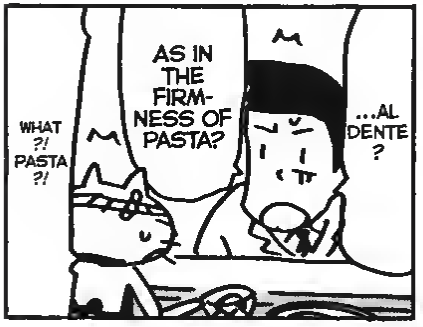


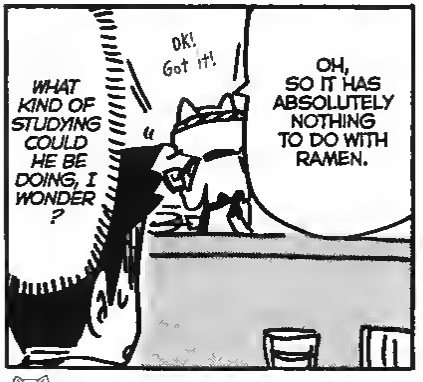
Flattered Purrs



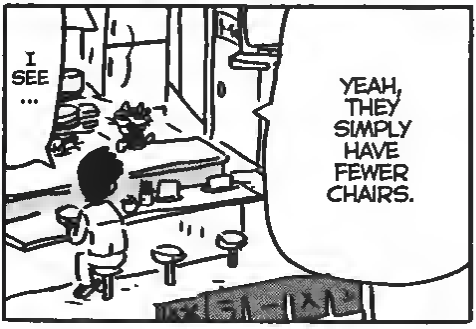
Studies

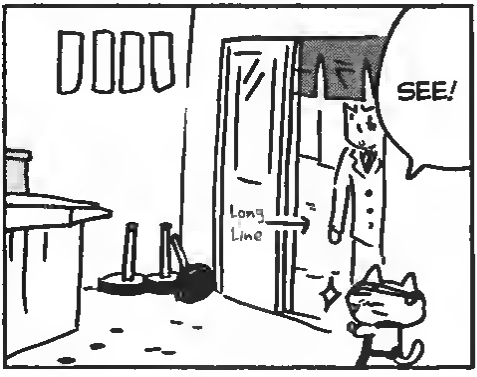


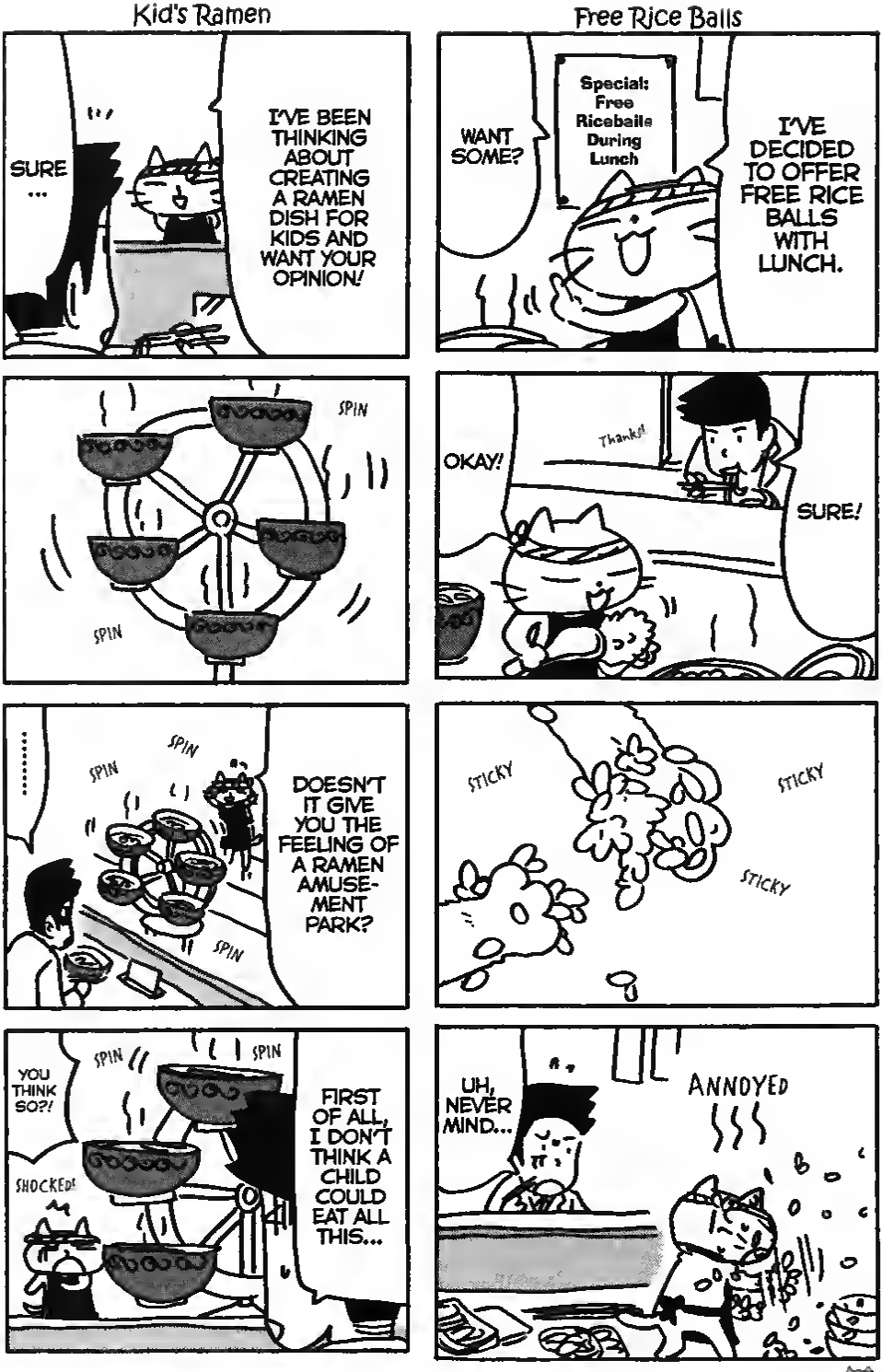




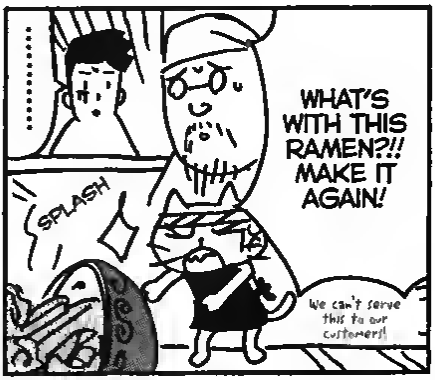
Long Lines

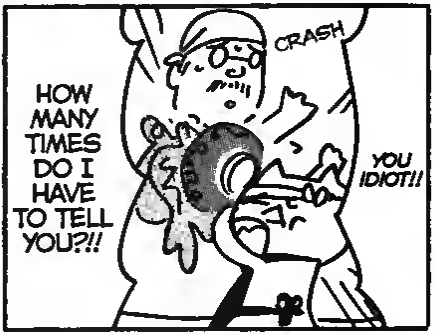


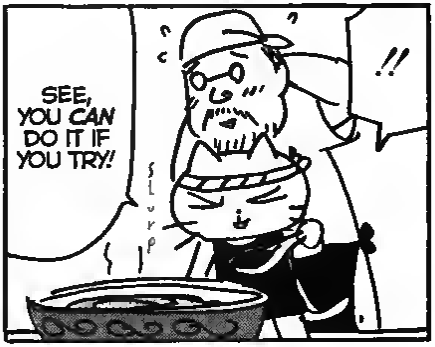



Kid's Ramen
Free Rice Balls
SURE ...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT CREATING A RAMEN DISH FOR KIDS AND WANT YOUR OPINION!
WANT SOME?
Special: Free Riceballs During Lunch
I'VE DECIDED TO OFFER FREE RICE BALLS WITH LUNCH.
SPIN
SPIN
OKAY!
Thanks!
SURE!
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
DOESN'T IT GIVE YOU THE FEELING OF A RAMEN AMUSE-MENT PARK?
STICKY
STICKY
STICKY
YOU THINK SO?!
SHOCKED!
SPIN
SPIN
FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T THINK A CHILD COULD EAT ALL THIS...
UH, NEVER MIND...
ANNOYED

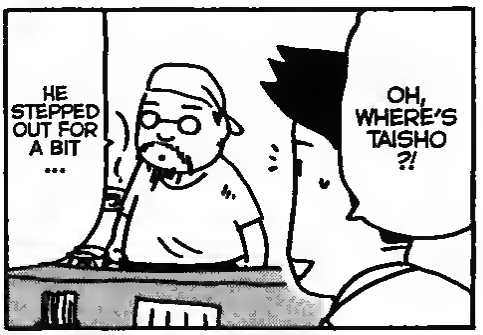
Training

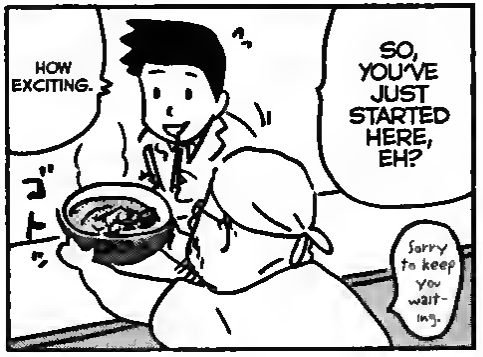


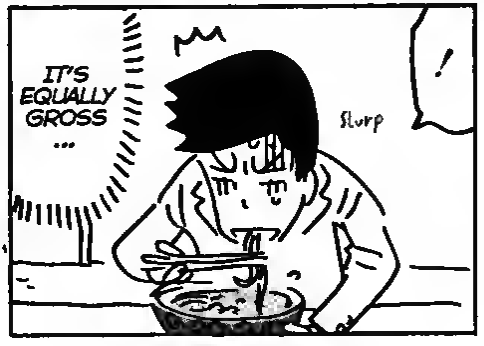




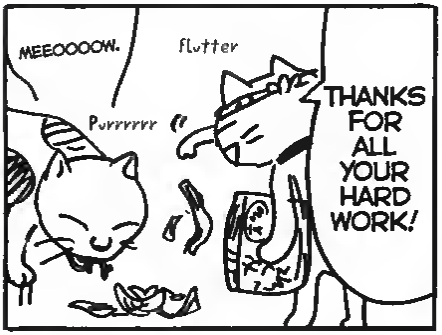
The New Guy

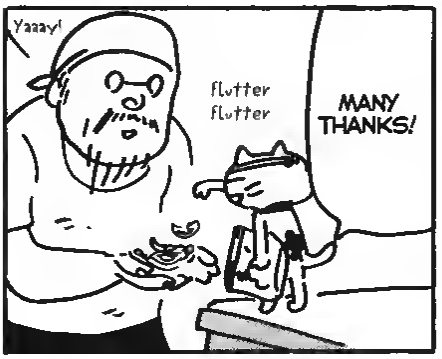


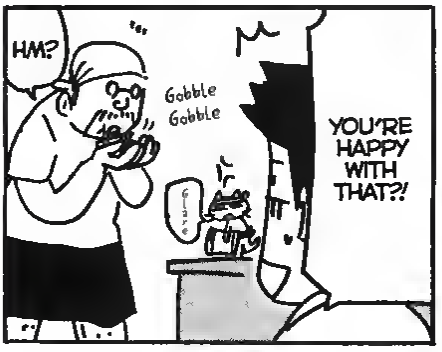




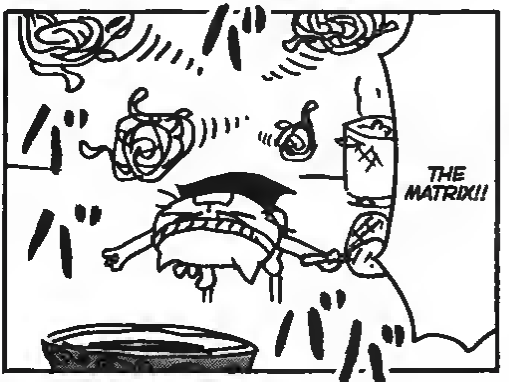
Pay Day

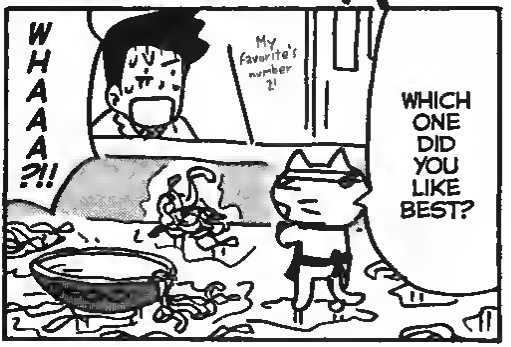




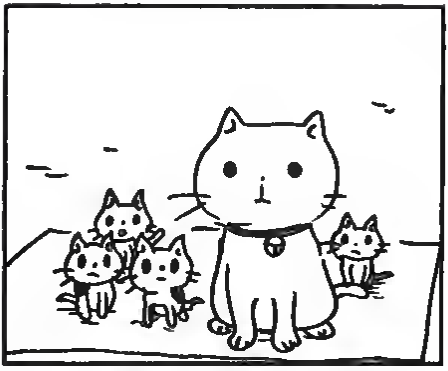


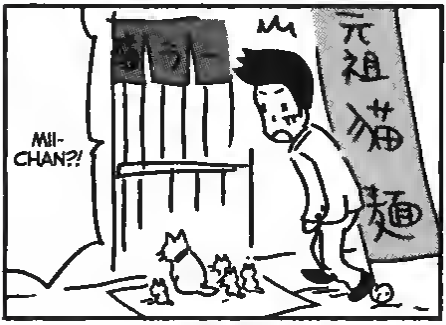
Super Moves

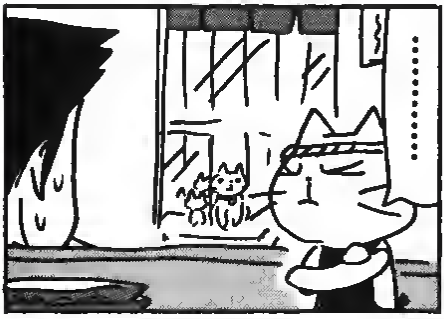


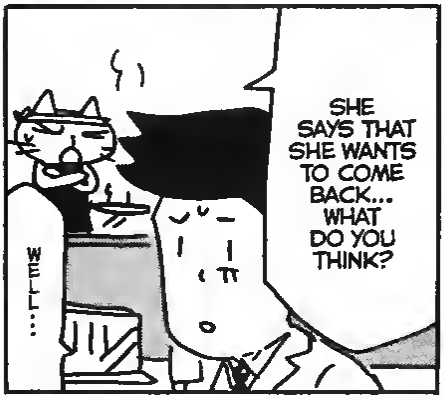


Mii-chan Returns

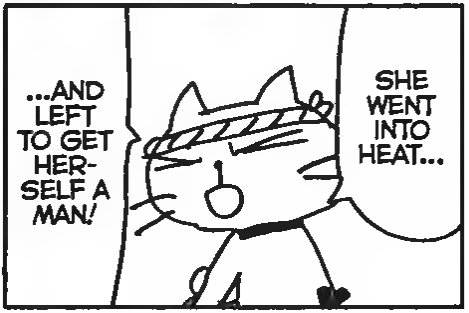


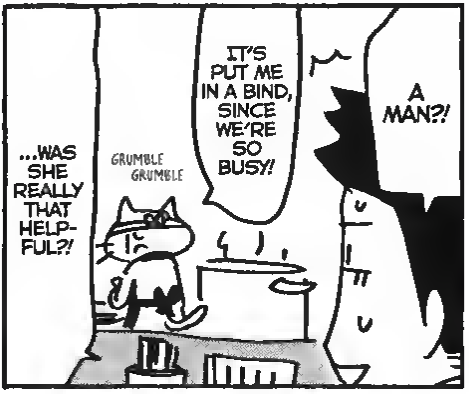






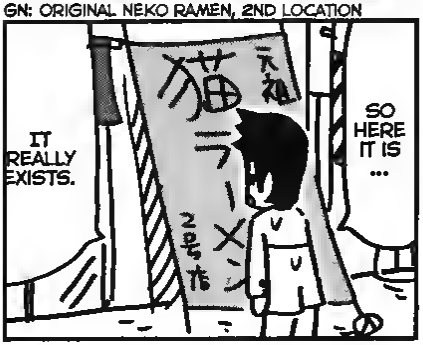
Where's Mii-chan?

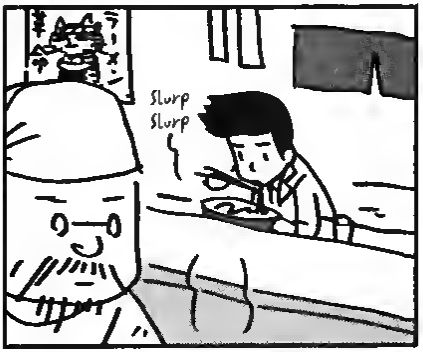




The Second Location

GN: ORIGINAL NEKO RAMEN, 2ND LOCATION





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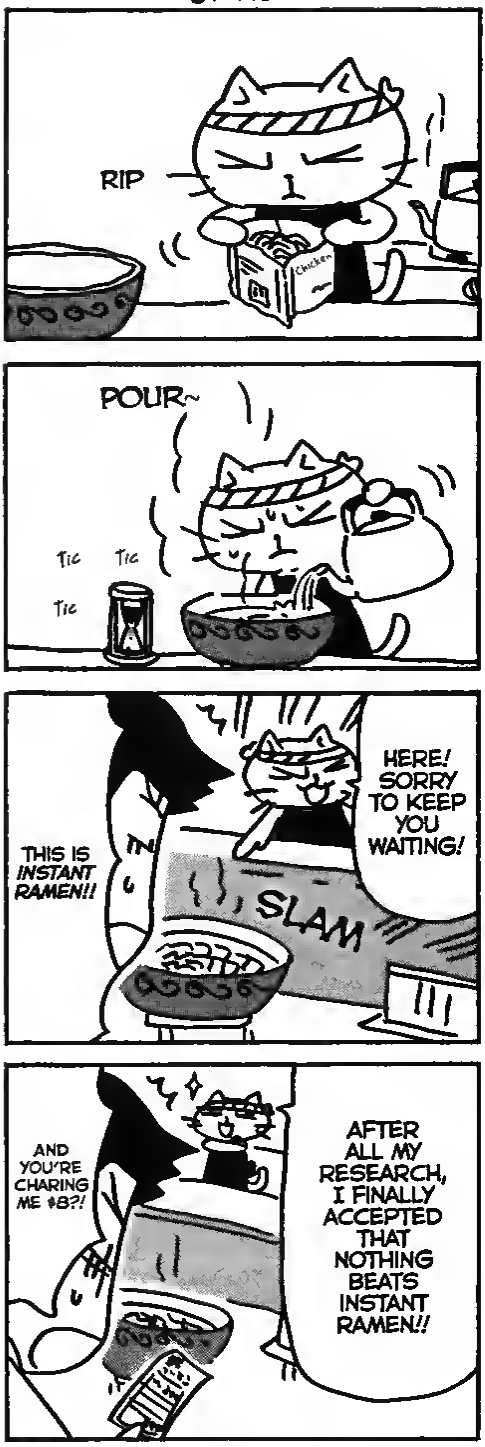

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Chapter 2

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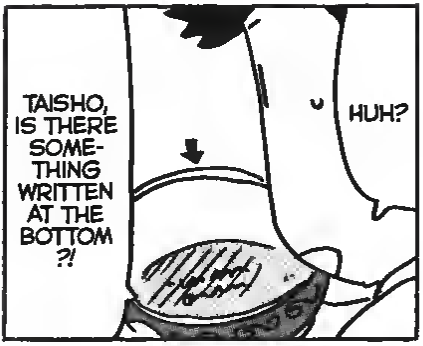

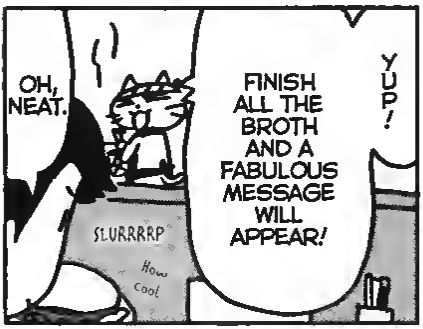

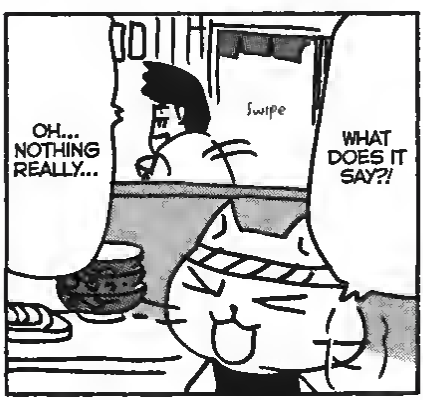

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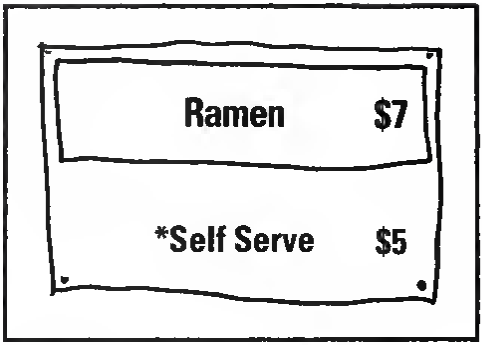

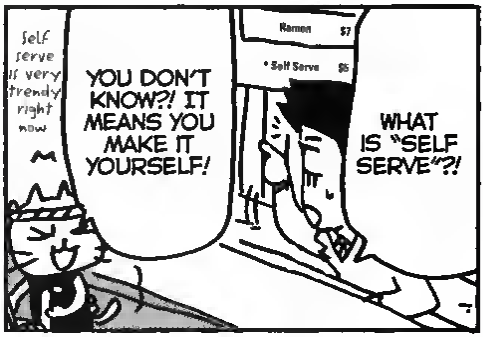

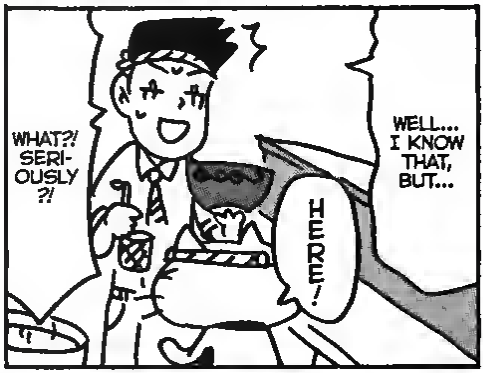

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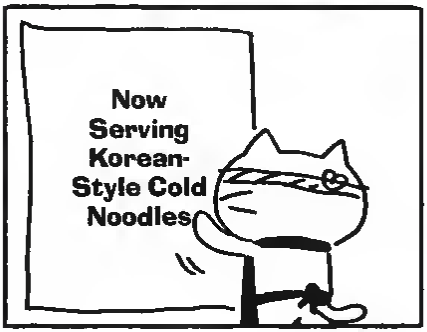
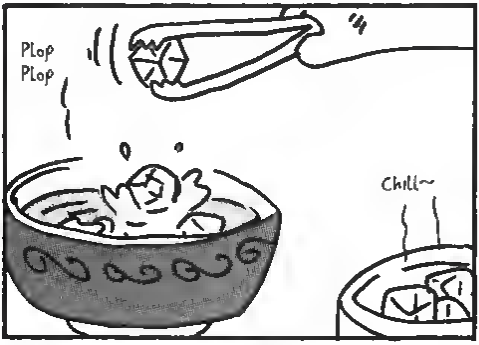
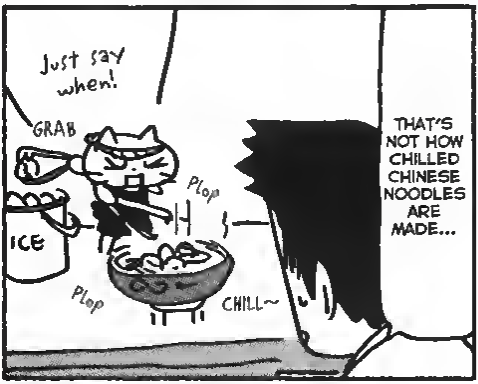


Chilled Chinese Noodles

Now Serving Chilled Chinese Noodles





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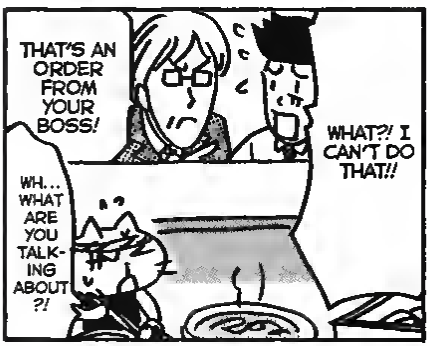

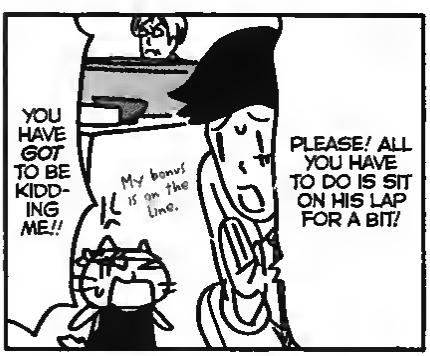

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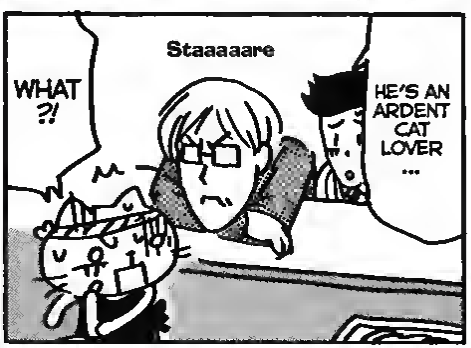

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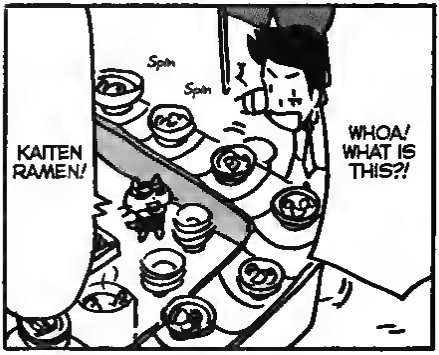

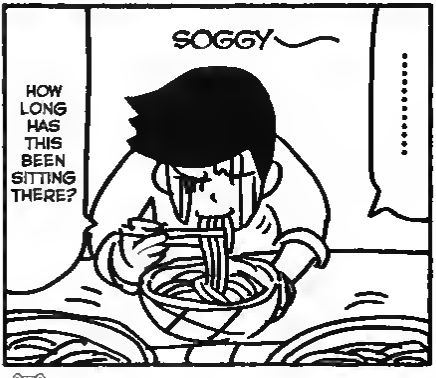

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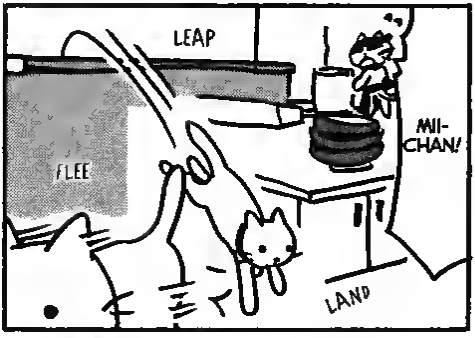

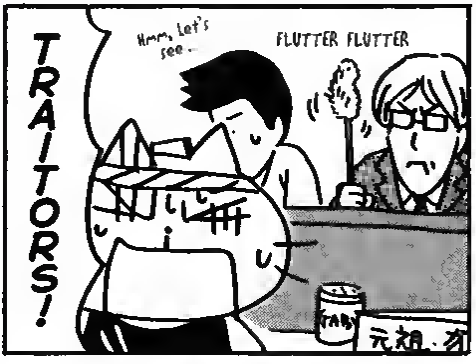

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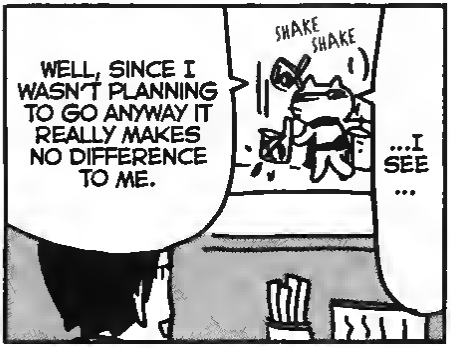

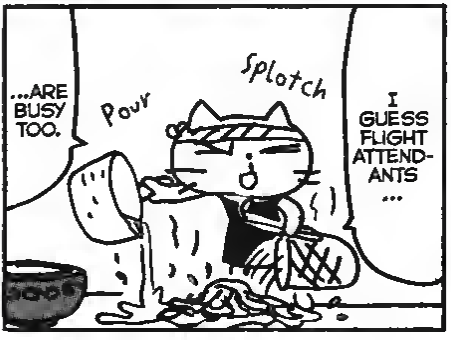

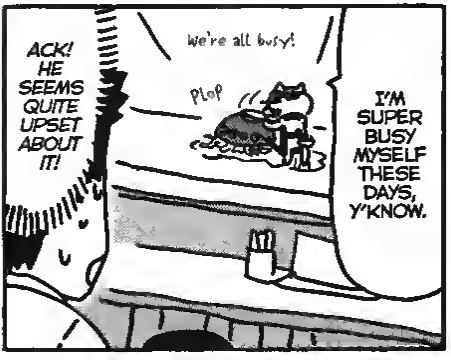

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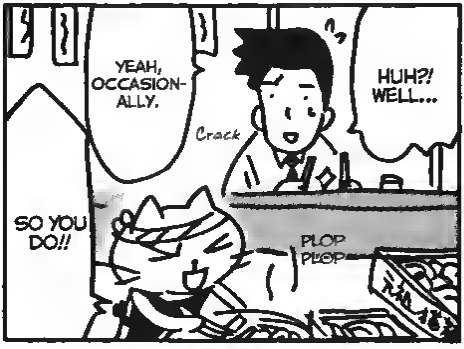

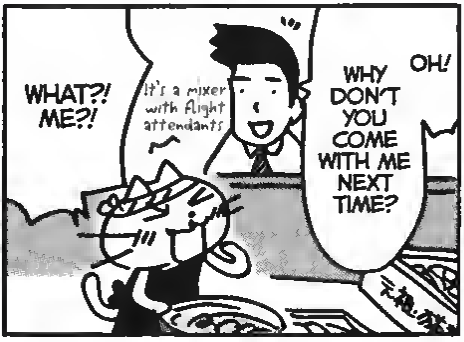

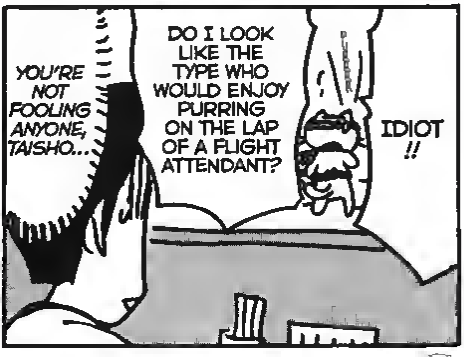

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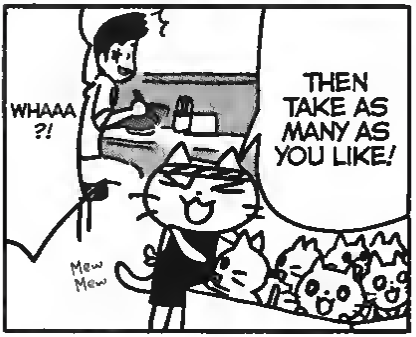

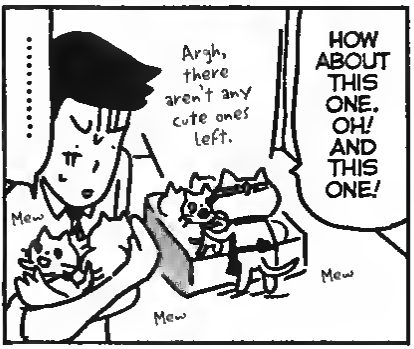

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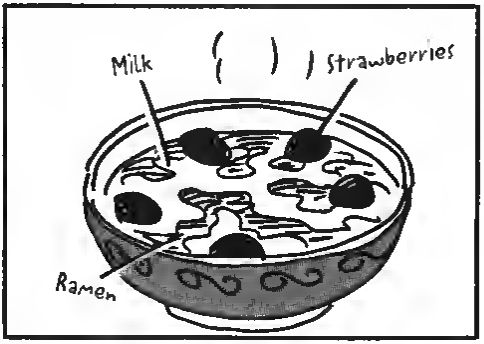

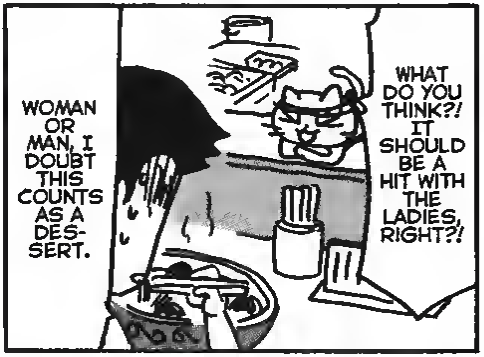

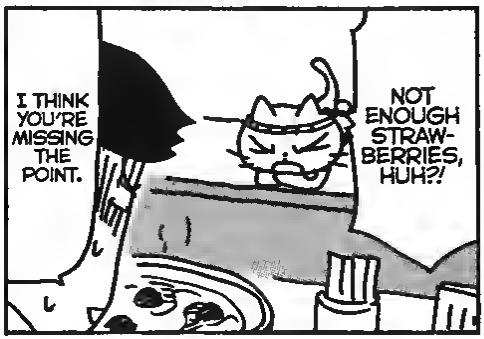

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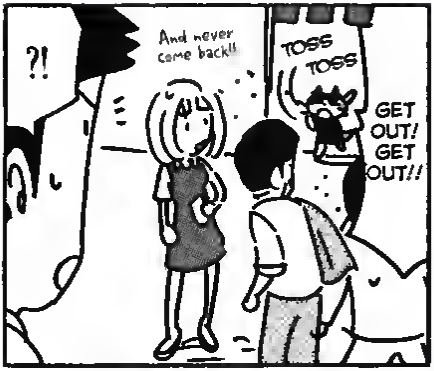

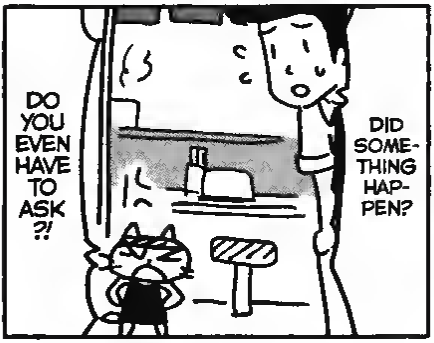

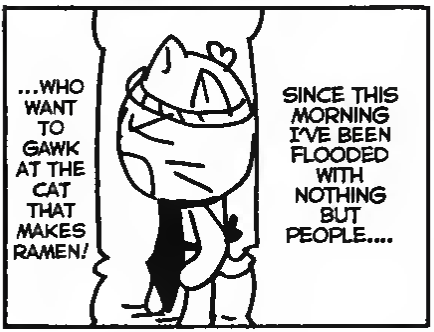

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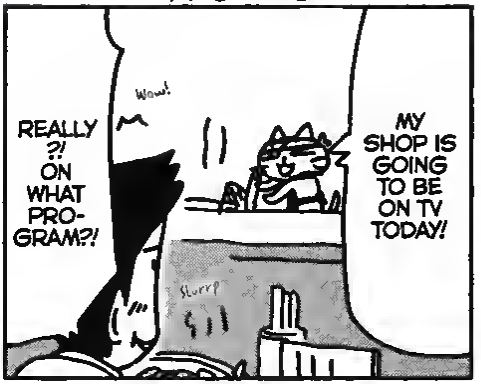
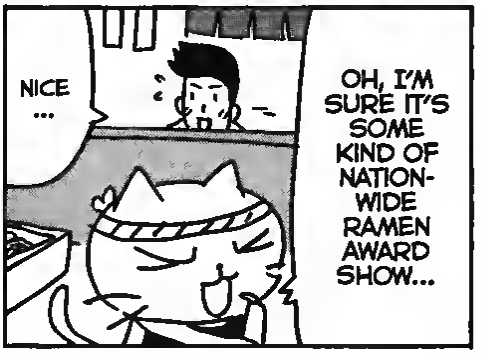
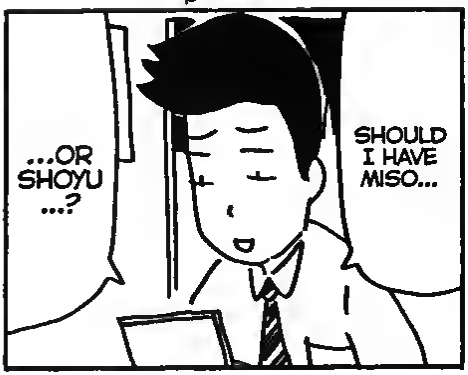


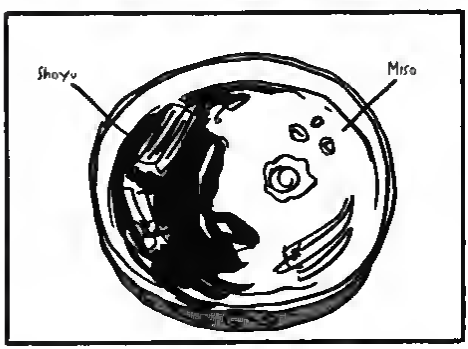


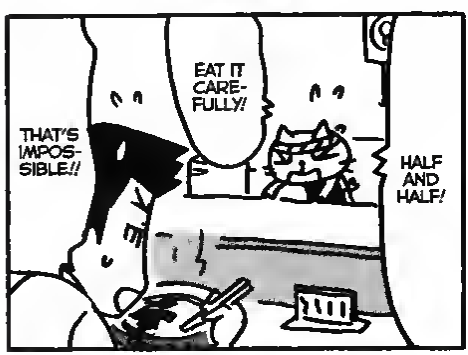
The World's Most Amazing Animals

Unusual Cats and Dogs

Solution







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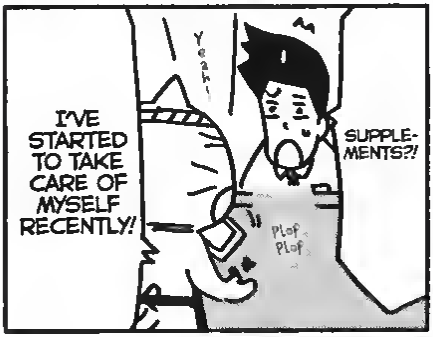
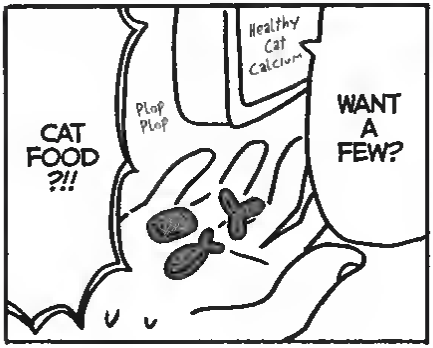
Chapter 3

Supplements





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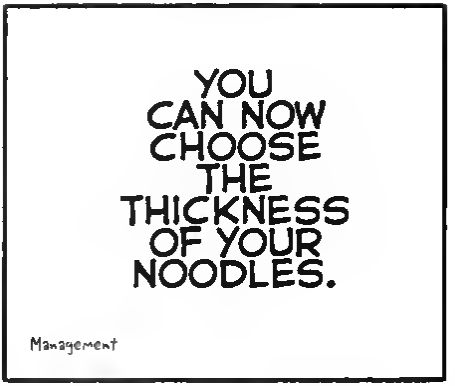
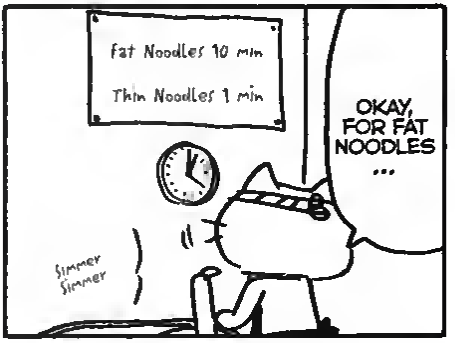
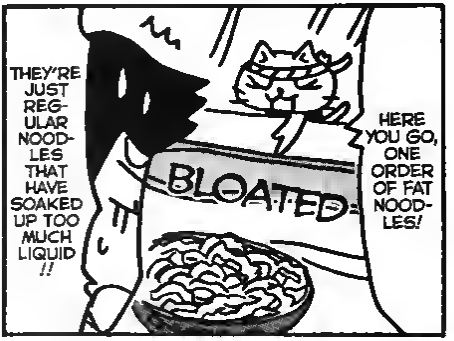
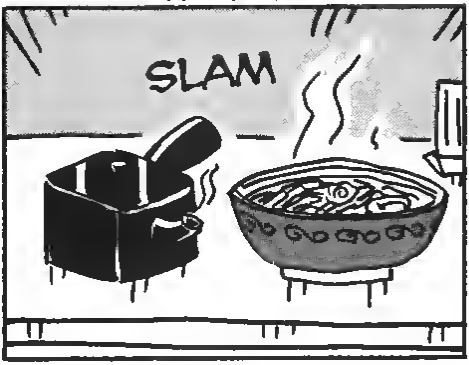


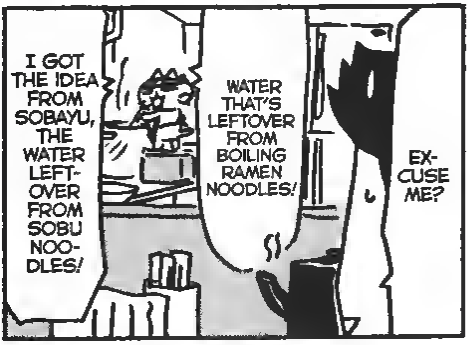




Rival Shop

New Proposal

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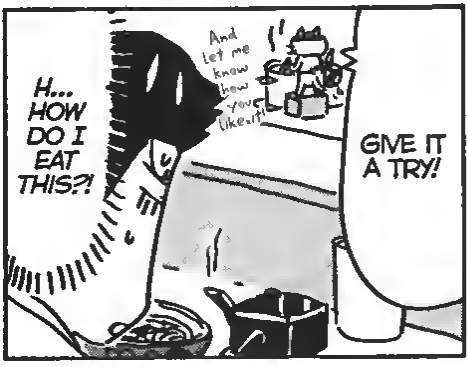
WATER THAT'S LEFTOVER FROM BOILING RAMEN NOODLES!
EX-CUSE ME?



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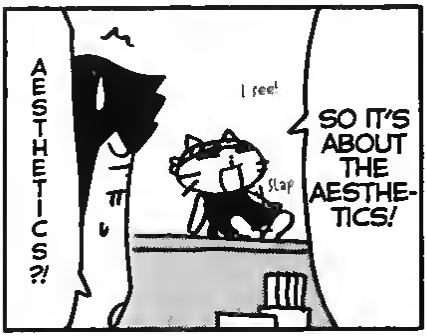

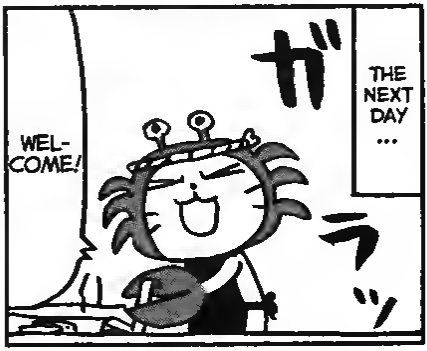

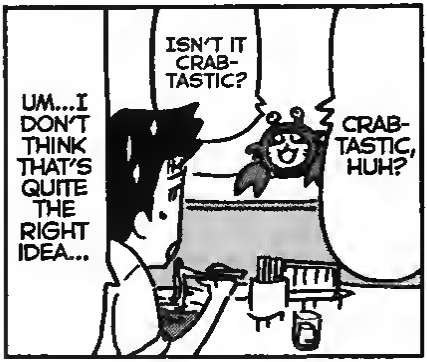

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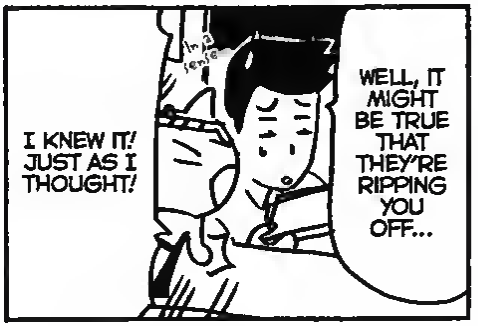
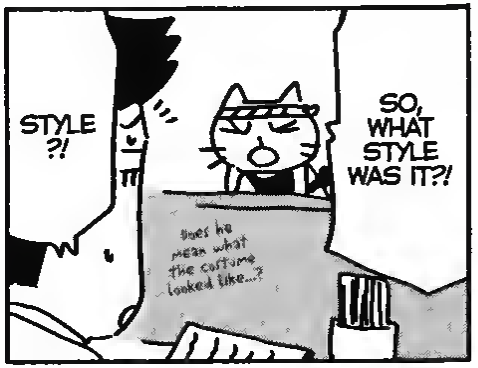
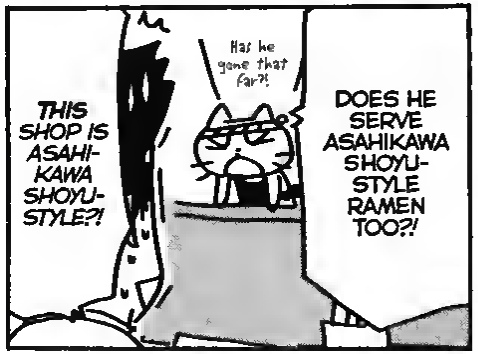
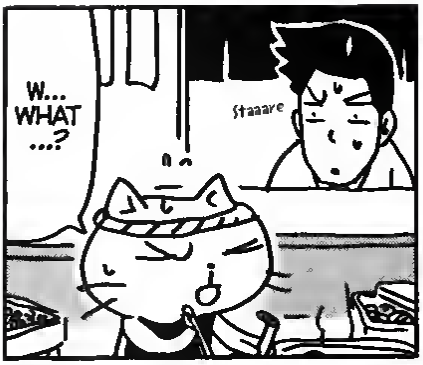
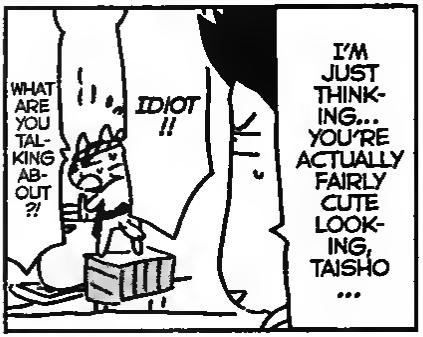


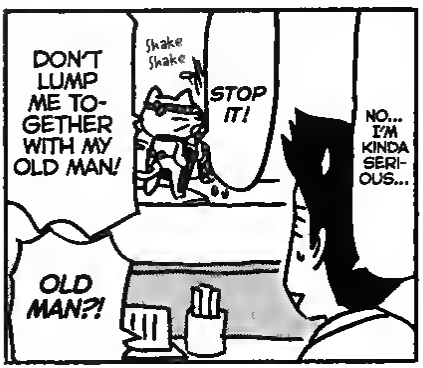


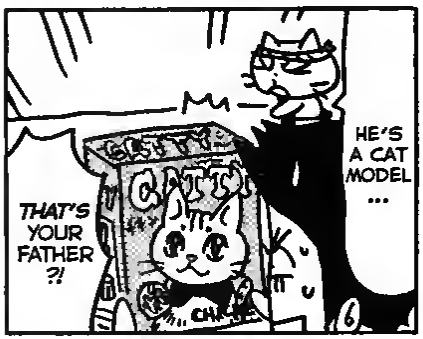


Runs in the Family









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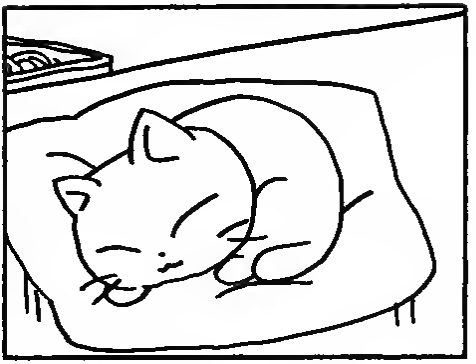

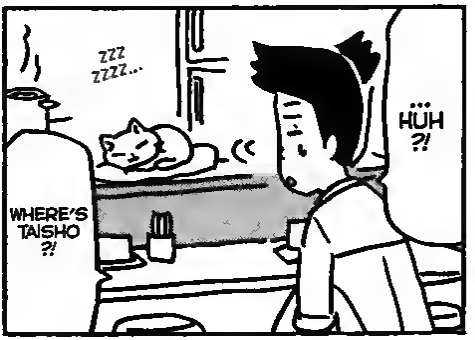

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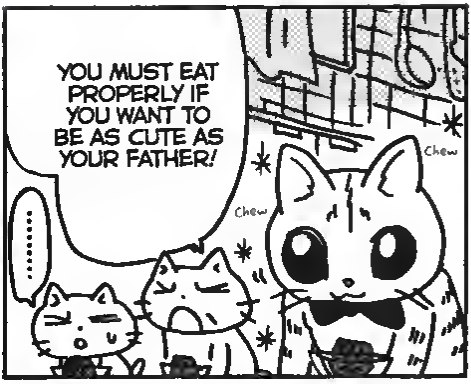

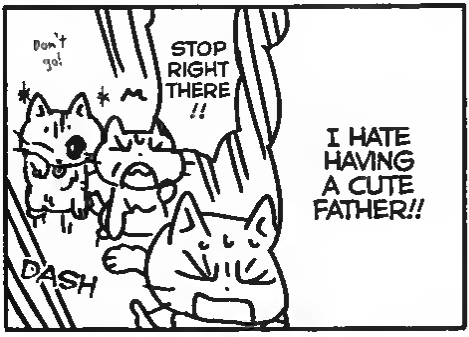

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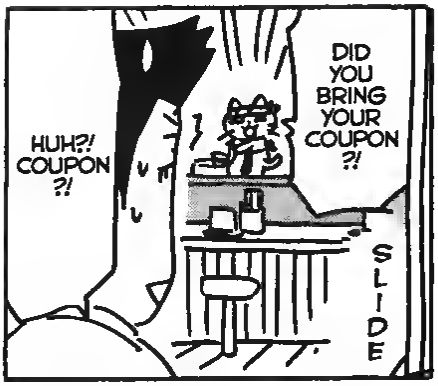
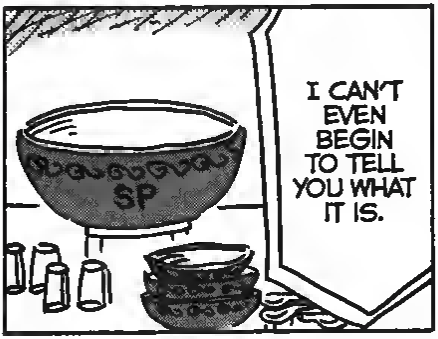


NO... I COMPLETELY MISSED IT...
You're not very observant, are you?
THERE WAS A COUPON FOR OUR SHOP IN THIS WEEK'S ADS. DIDN'T YOU SEE IT?



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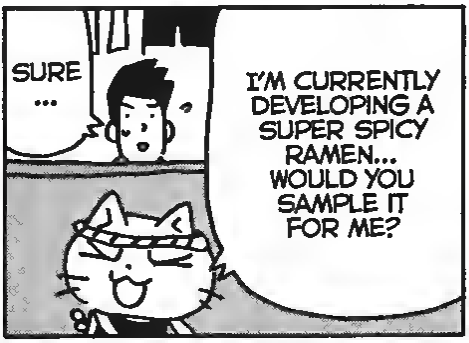

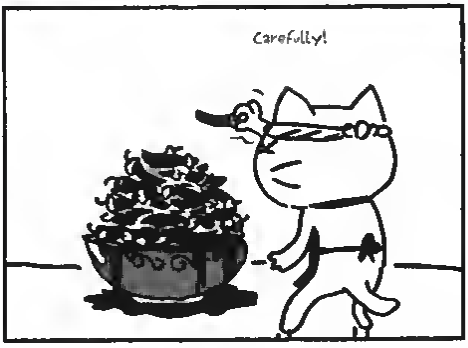

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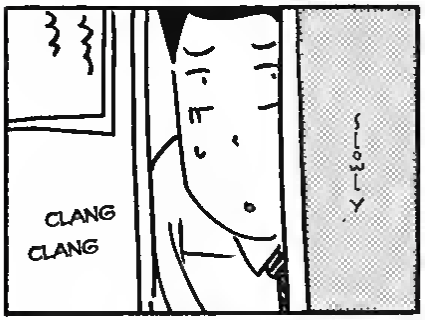

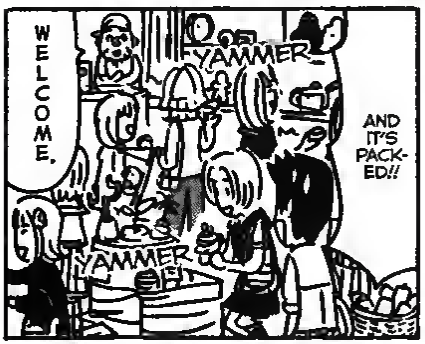

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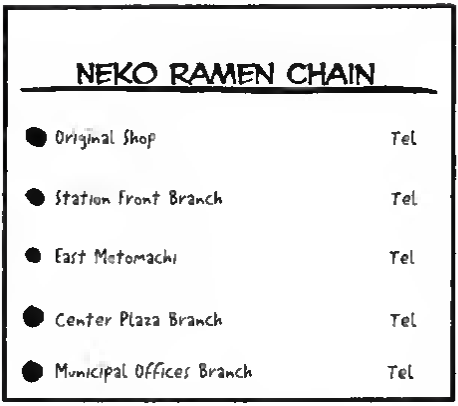
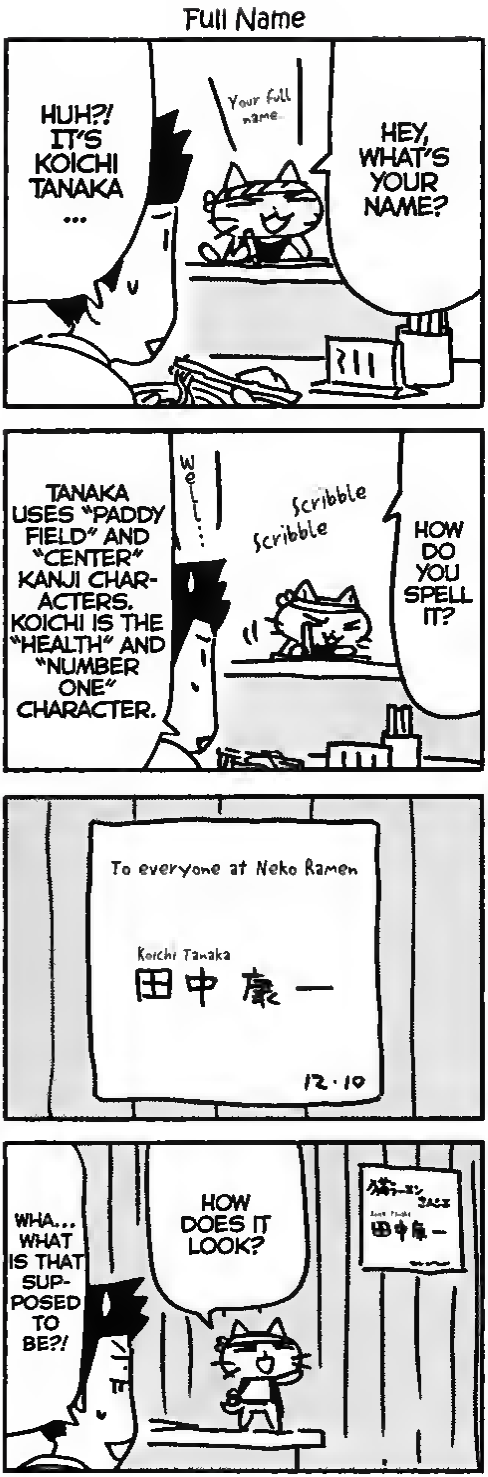


THESE DAYS IT'S MORE OF A HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE!
OH, I COULDN'T PUT IT ON THERE!
WHY ISN'T THE SECOND LOCATION ON HERE?
HUH?!
HOME IMPROVEMENT?!


Full Name
HUH?! IT'S KOICHI TANAKA ...
Your full name.
HEY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
TANAKA USES "PADDY FIELD" AND "CENTER" KANJI CHARACTERS. KOICHI IS THE "HEALTH" AND "NUMBER ONE" CHARACTER.
Well...
Scribble Scribble
HOW DO YOU SPELL IT?
To everyone at Neko Ramen
Koichi Tanaka
田中康一
12.10
WHA... WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?!
HOW DOES IT LOOK?

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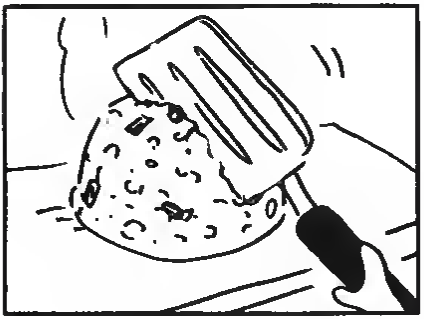
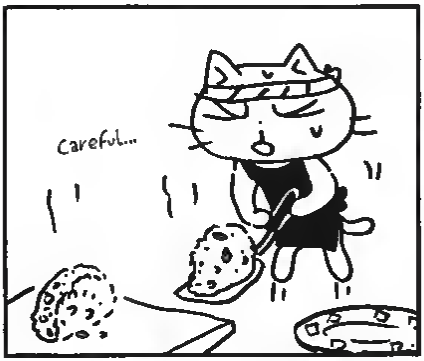
Chapter 4

Fried Rice and Ramen

Fried Rice-Ramen Set!
(Ramen and a half portion of fried rice)
$8 (including tax)





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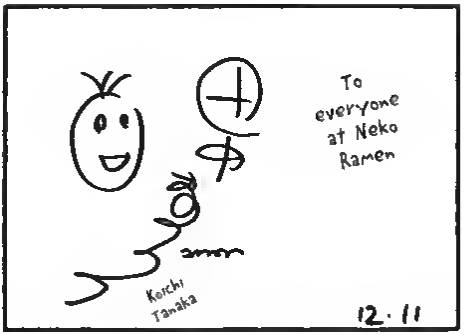

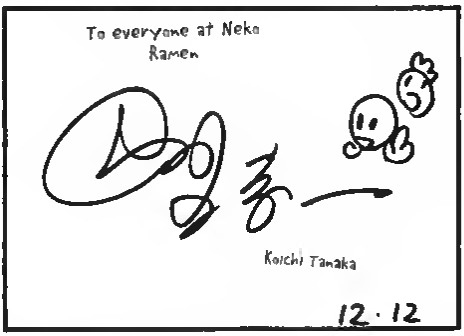

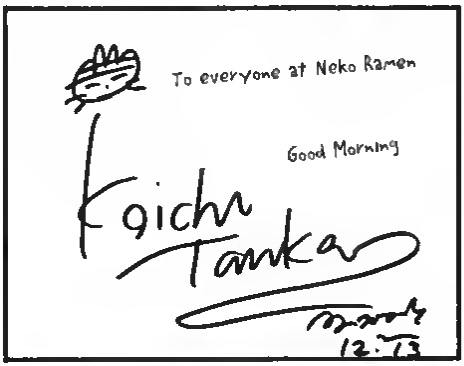

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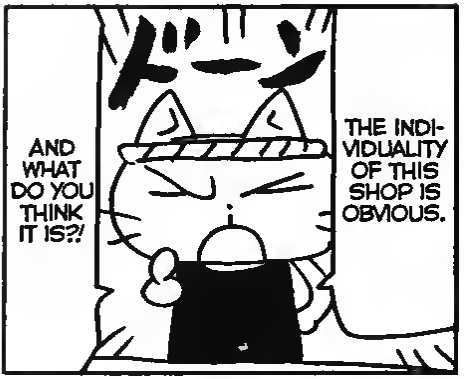

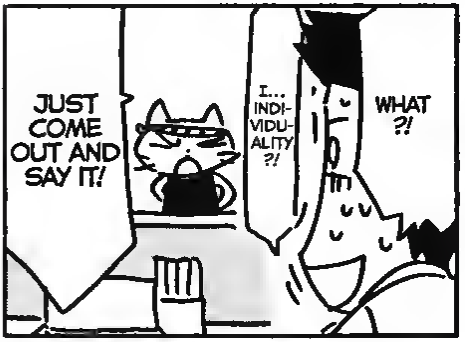

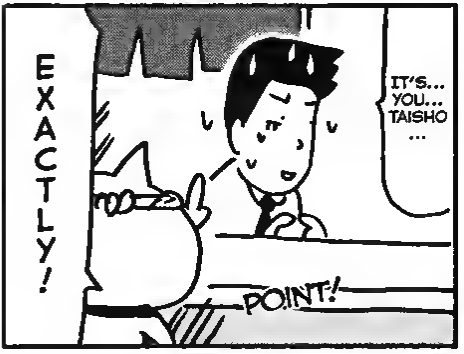

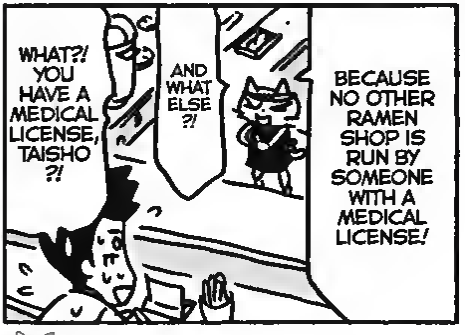

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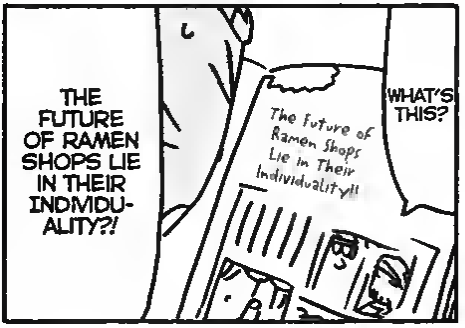

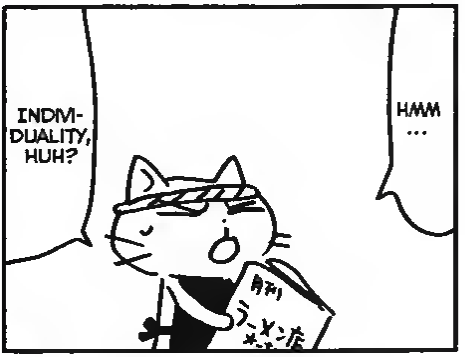

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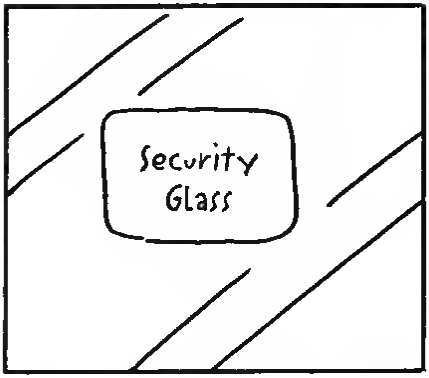

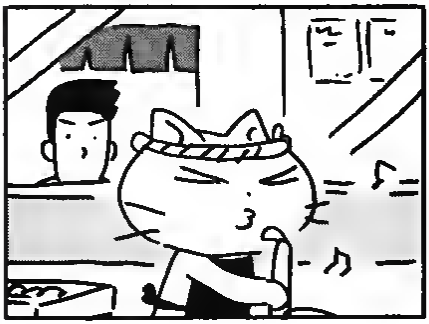

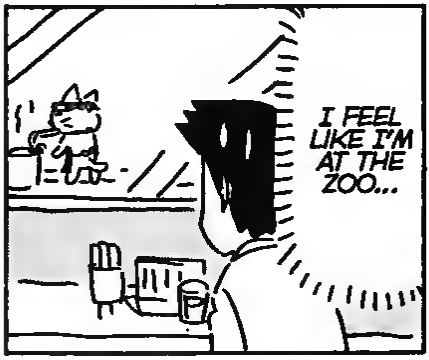

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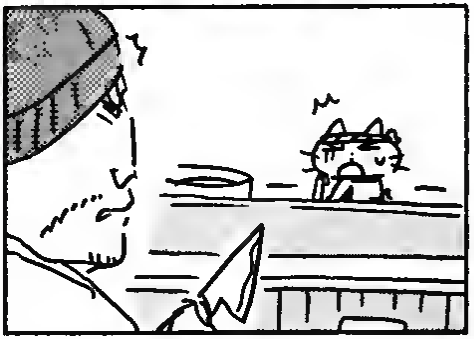

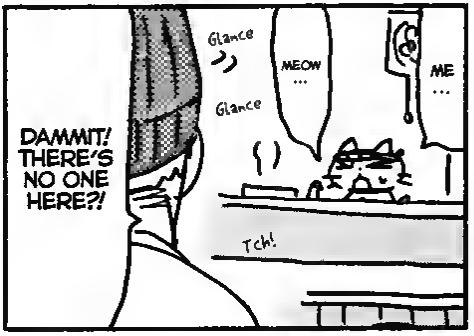

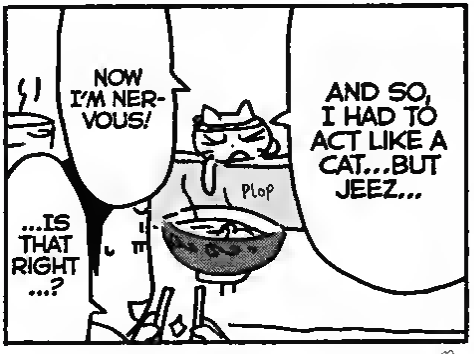

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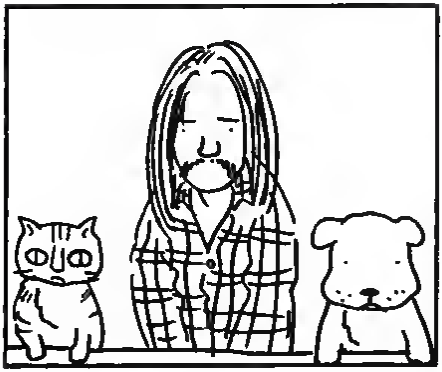

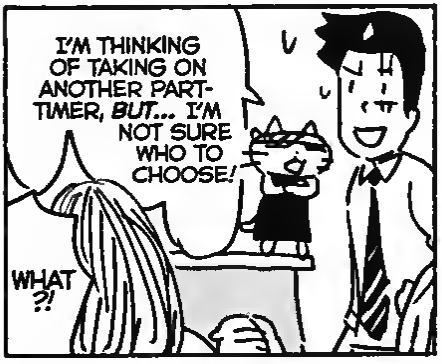

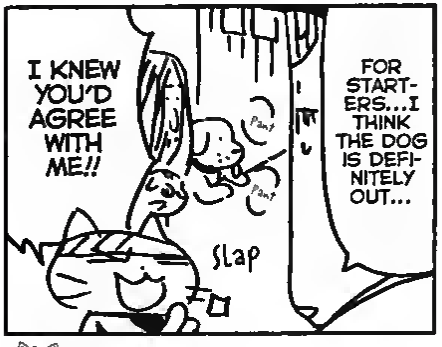

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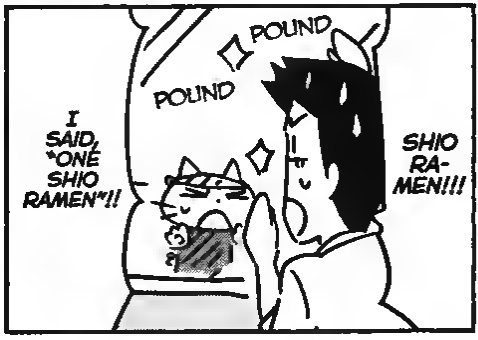

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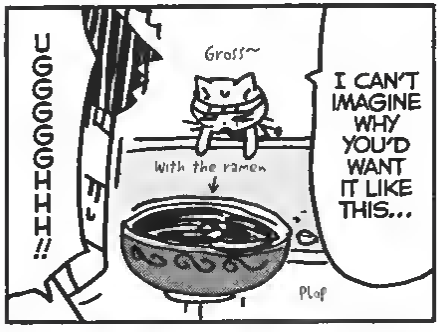

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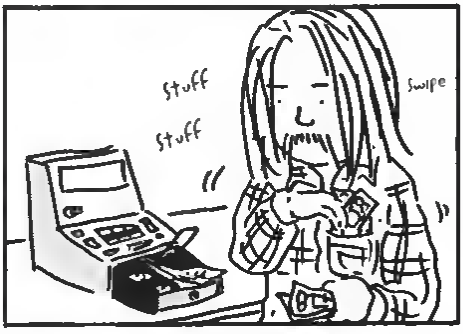
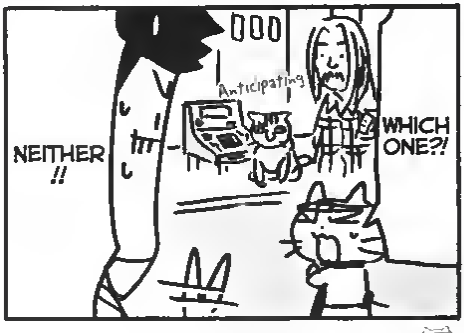
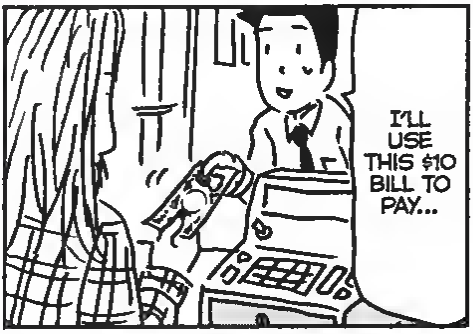
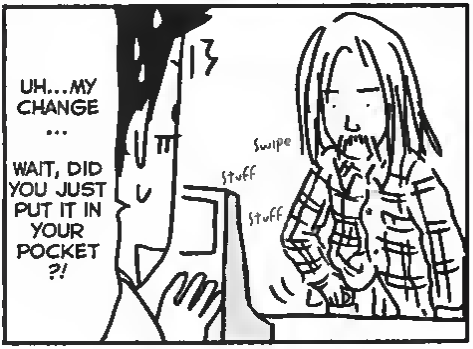


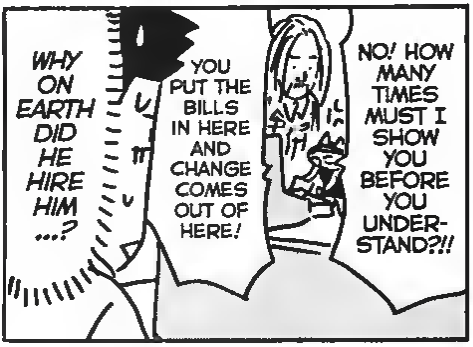


Quick Thinking

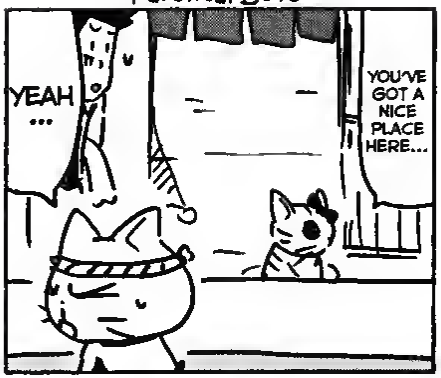
Shige-chan

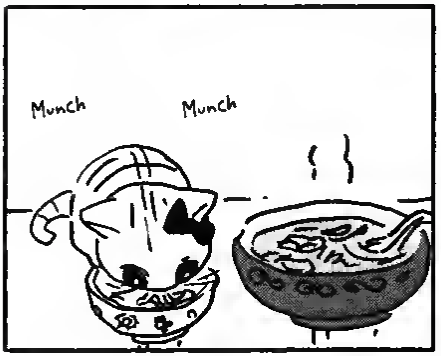


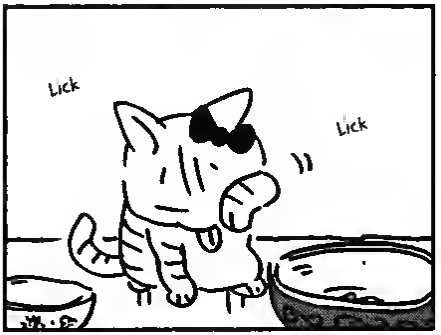


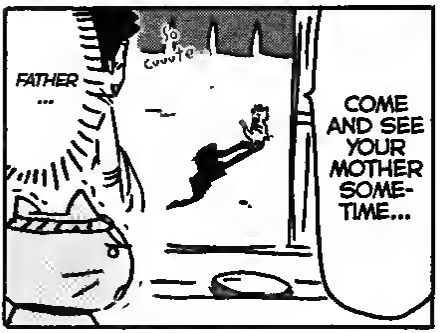

WHY ON EARTH DID HE HIRE HIM ...?
YOU PUT THE BILLS IN HERE AND CHANGE COMES OUT OF HERE!
NO! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I SHOW YOU BEFORE YOU UNDER-STAND?!!

Parental Love

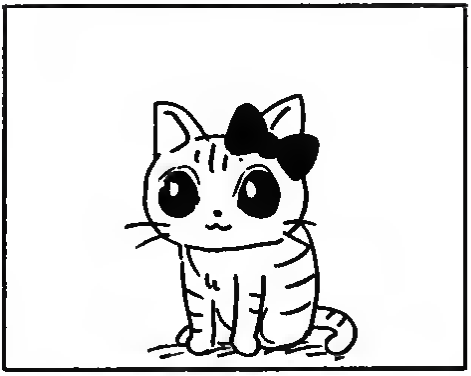


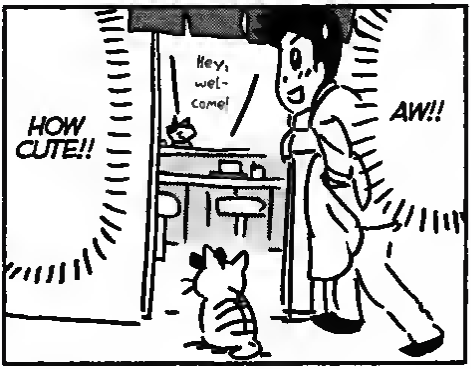


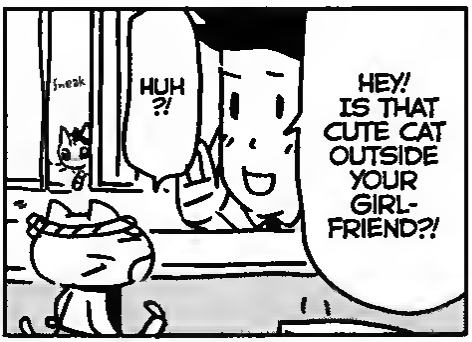


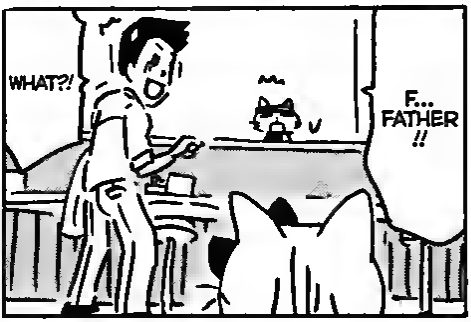


The Mysterious Beautiful Cat









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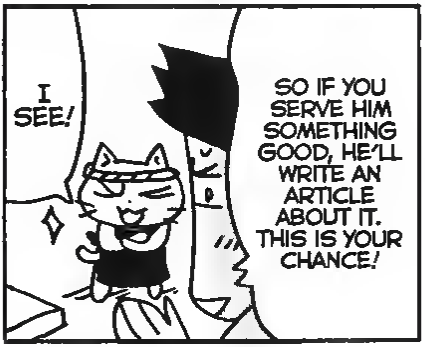
Chapter 5

Chance



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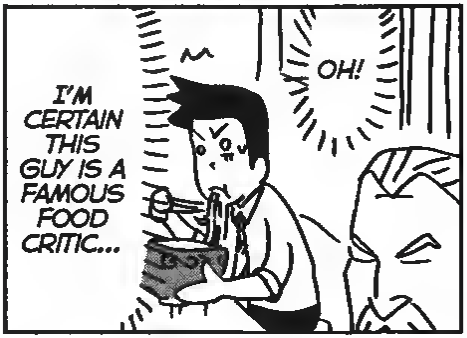
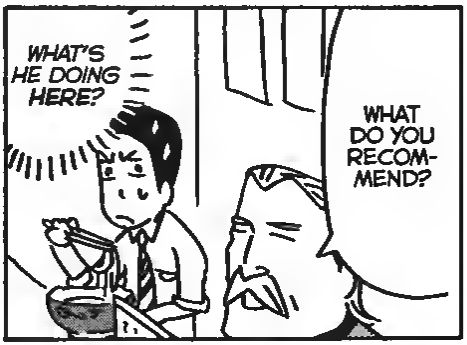
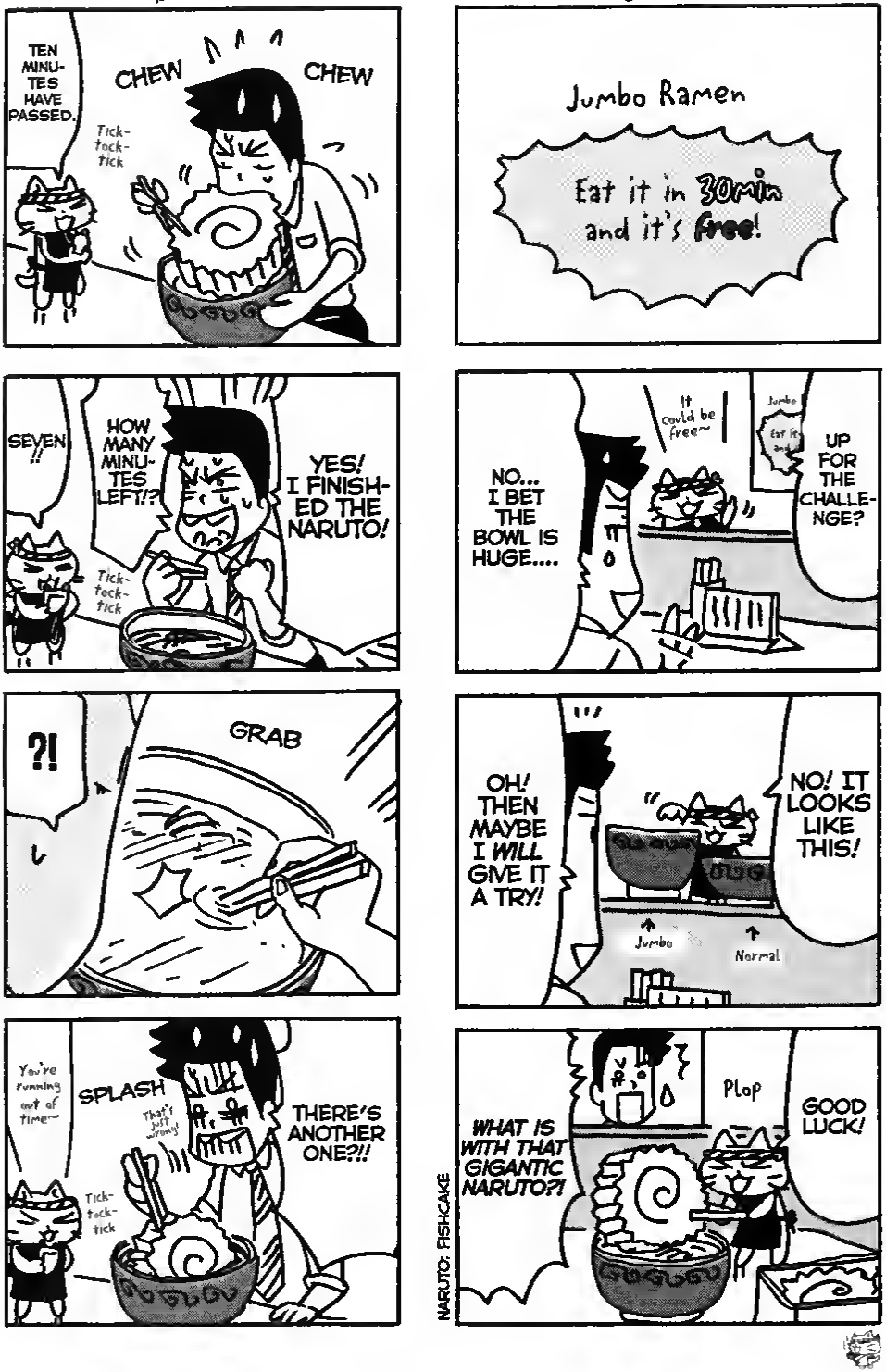
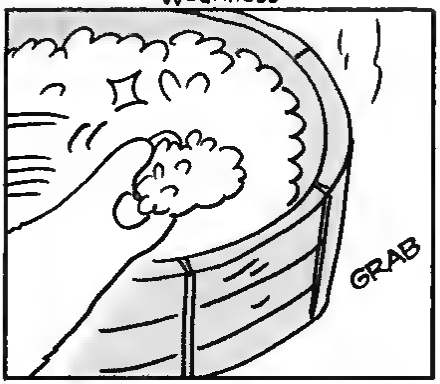


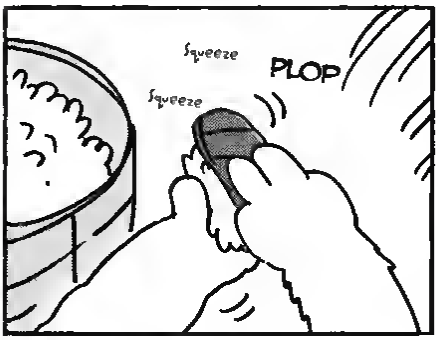


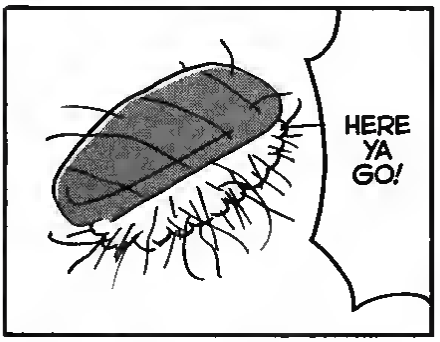
Reading
Appraisal
THE TOPPINGS BLEND EXQUISITELY WITH THE NOODLES...
SLURP
SLURP
...THE COASTAL WATERS OF JAPAN!
Glare
THE FLAVOR IS THAT OF BLUE FIN TUNA FISHED STRAIGHT FROM...
YEP!
YOU REALLY SERVED HIM THE CHEF'S SPECIAL?!
Hmmm...
AND IT ACCENTS THE NOODLES EXTRAORDINARILY!
THE WAY IT'S BEEN COOKED UNTIL THE MEAT IS PRACTICALLY MELTING IS MAGNIFICENT!
IT'S DELICIOUS!!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
WOW!! THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE CAN SAYS!
SPLENDID!!
?!CCCCCH
HUH?!


Secret
Jumbo
TEN MINUTES HAVE PASSED.
CHEW
CHEW
Tick-tock-tick
Jumbo Ramen
Eat it in 30min and it's free!
SEVEN!!
HOW MANY MINUTES LEFT!?
YES! I FINISHED THE NARUTO!
Tick-tock-tick
It could be free~
Jumbo
Eat it and
NO... I BET THE BOWL IS HUGE....
UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?
?!
GRAB
OH! THEN MAYBE I WILL GIVE IT A TRY!
NO! IT LOOKS LIKE THIS!
Jumbo
Normal
You're running out of time~
SPLASH
That's just wrong!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE?!!
Tick-tock-tick
WHAT IS WITH THAT GIGANTIC NARUTO?!
Plop
GOOD LUCK!
NARUTO: FISHCAKE

Weakness







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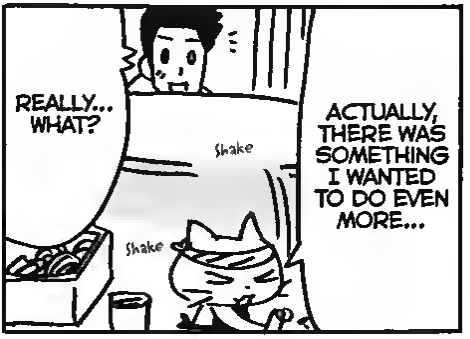
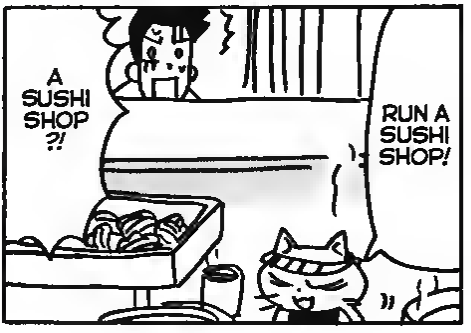
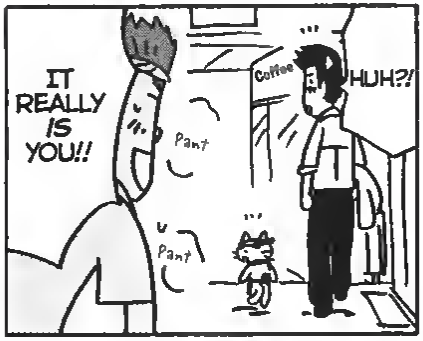
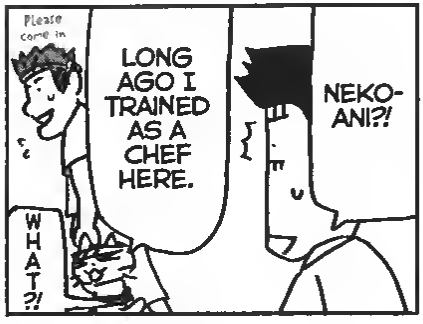




Neko-ani, the Big Brother Cat





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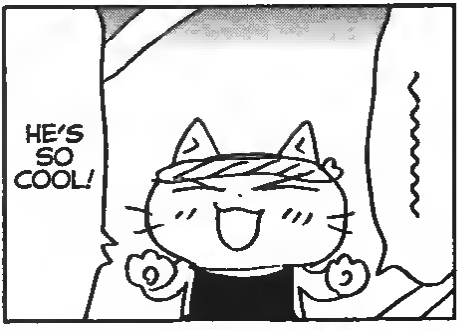
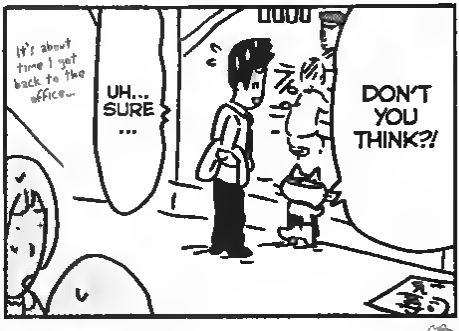
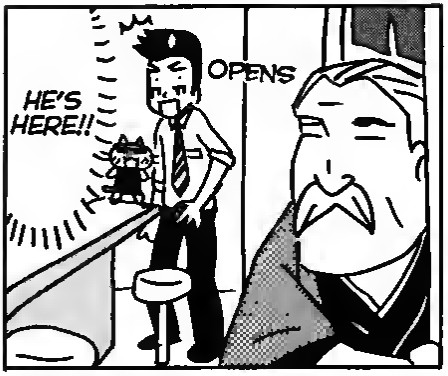
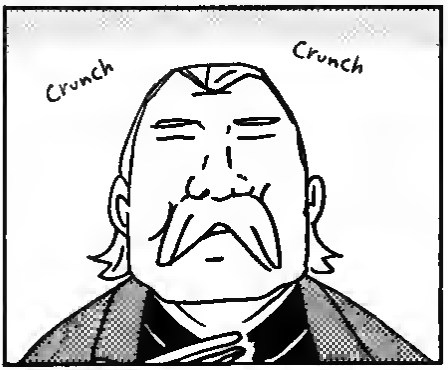


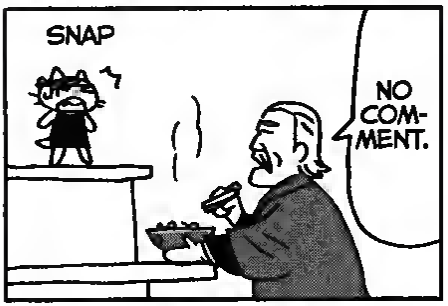


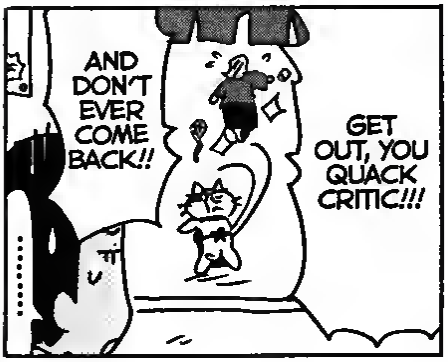
The Training Days
SNEAK
FLEE
SWAT
DARN-ED STRAY CAT!!
SO YOU'RE BACK AGAIN!!
SWAT
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I knew it
I GUESS IT REALLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A CAT TO WORK AT A SUSHI PLACE...
HE DIDN'T TRAIN AT ALL.
SO MANY MEMO-RIES.
Happy Sushi
Memories
THIS REALLY TAKES ME BACK!
Ahh, the memories!
THE HEAD CHEF WOULD ALWAYS YELL AT THE TWO OF US, REMEMBER?
THE KITCHEN HASN'T CHANGED A BIT!
YEAH ...
"QUIT SNAT-CHING FOOD, CAT!!"
"HIROSHI! THE TUNA IS CUT ALL WRONG !!"
SO YOU WERE ALWAYS NICK-ING FOOD...
"QUIT SNAT-CHING FOOD, CAT!!"
"HIRO-SHI! THE SUSHI RICE IS TOO HARD!!"

Appraisal









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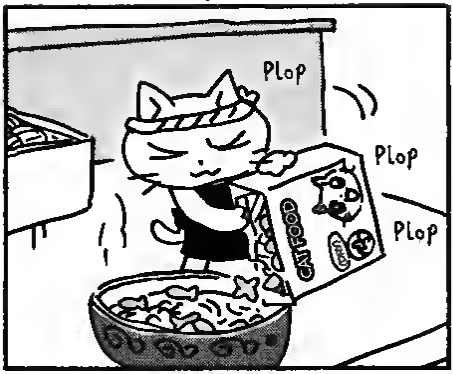

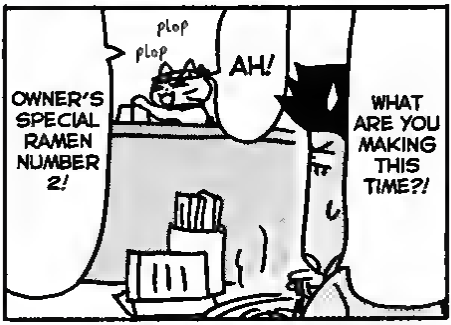

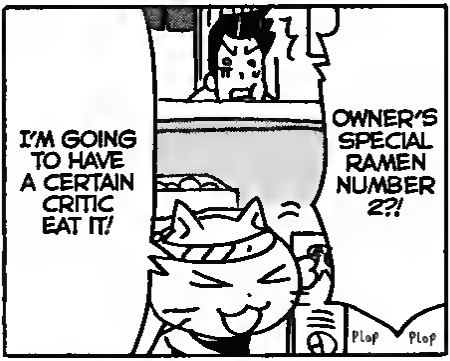

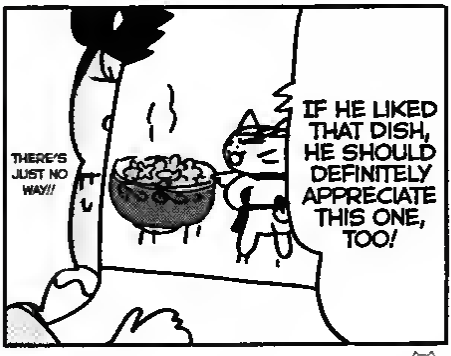

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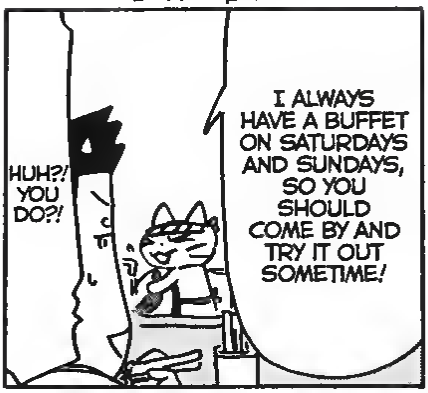
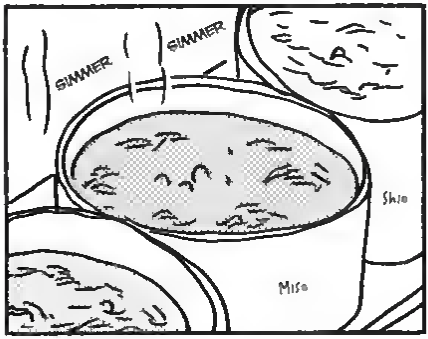
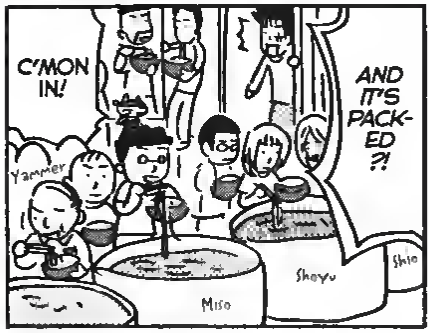
Chapter 6

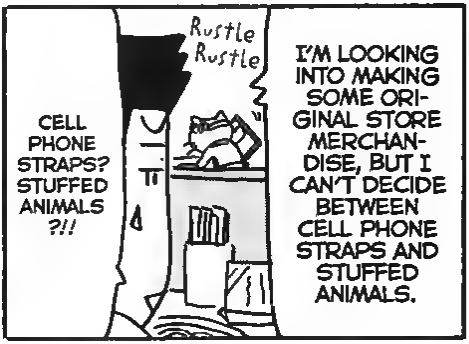
Buffet Style

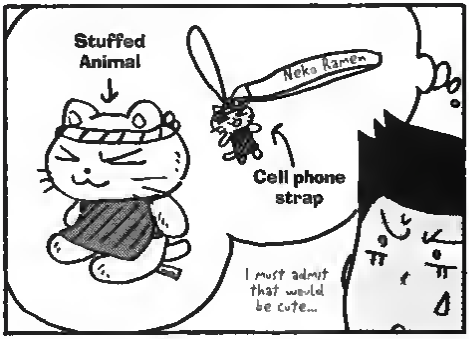


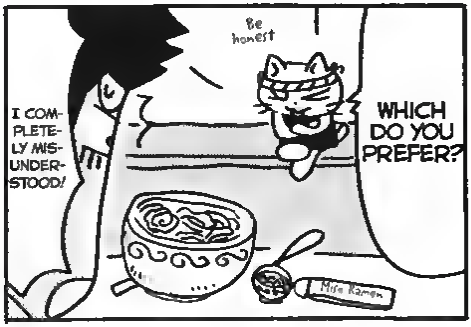




Which one?


CELL PHONE STRAPS? STUFFED ANIMALS ?!!
Rustle Rustle
I'M LOOKING INTO MAKING SOME ORI-GINAL STORE MERCHAN-DISE, BUT I CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN CELL PHONE STRAPS AND STUFFED ANIMALS.





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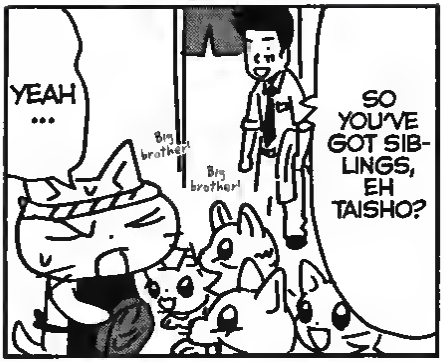

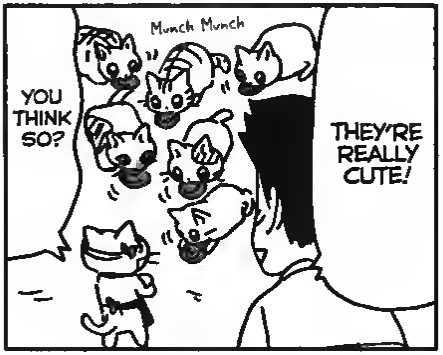

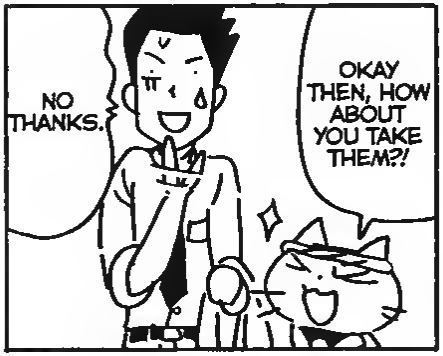

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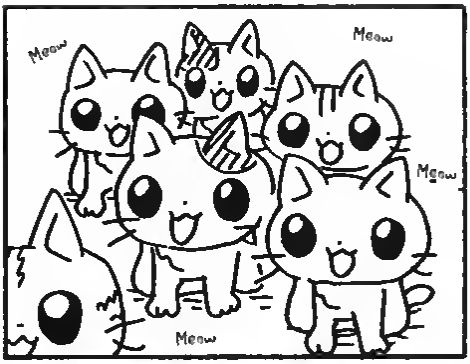

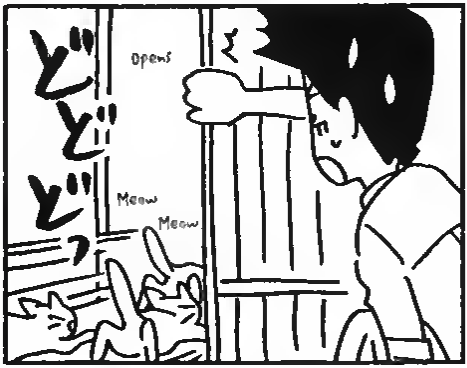

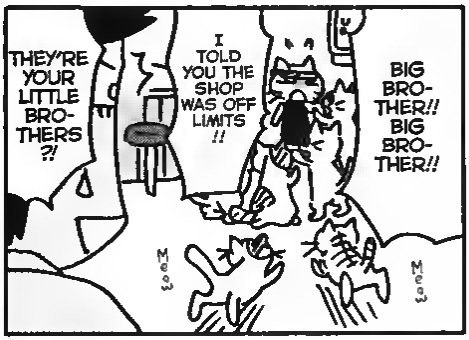

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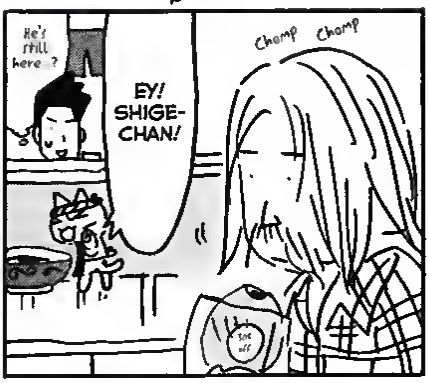
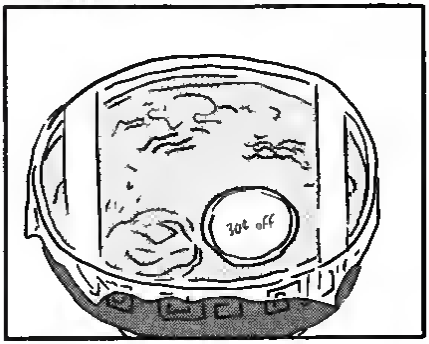
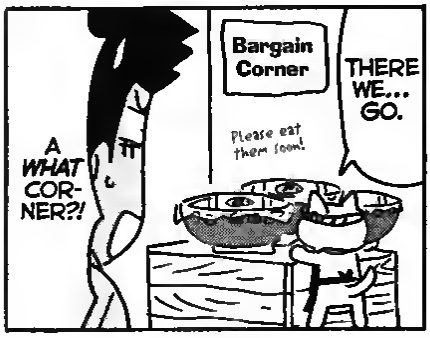
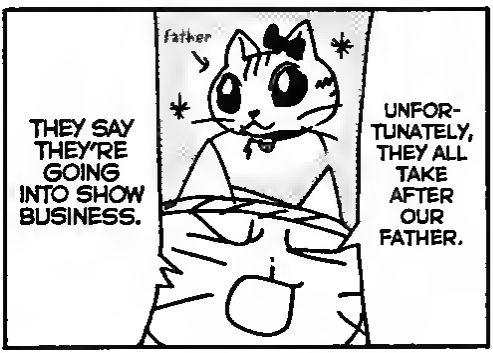


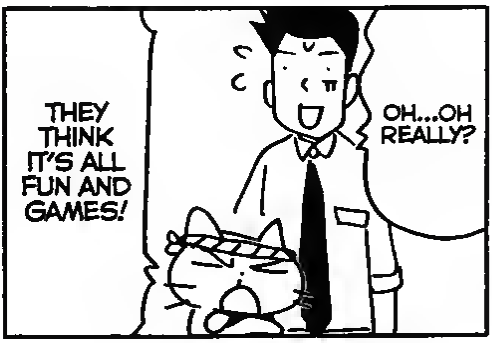
ANPAN: BUN FILLED WITH RED BEAN PASTE.

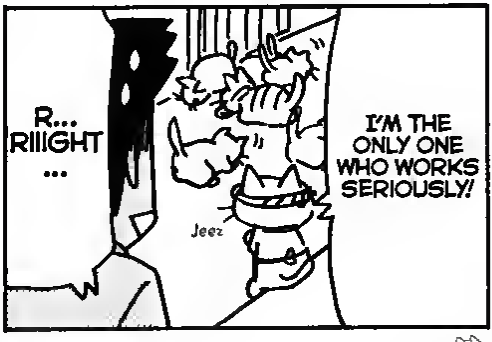


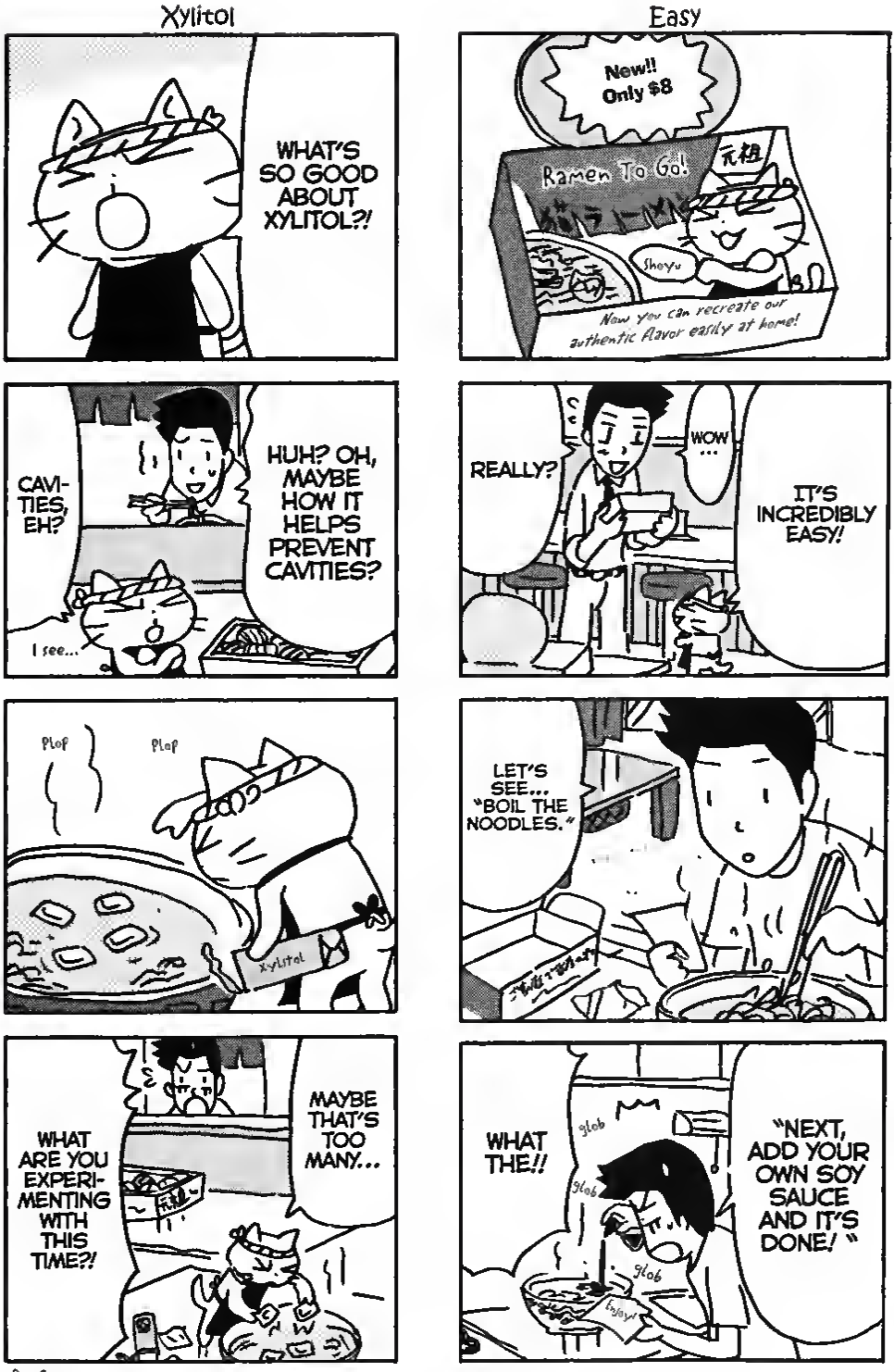


Like Father, Like Sons

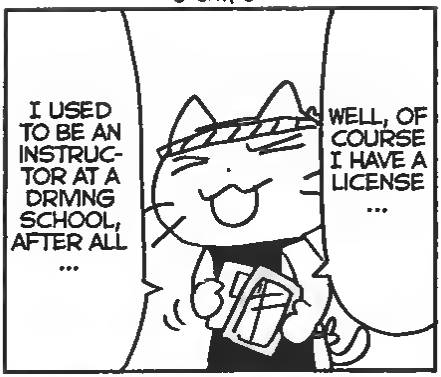


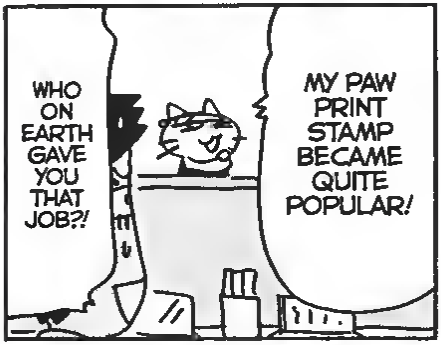




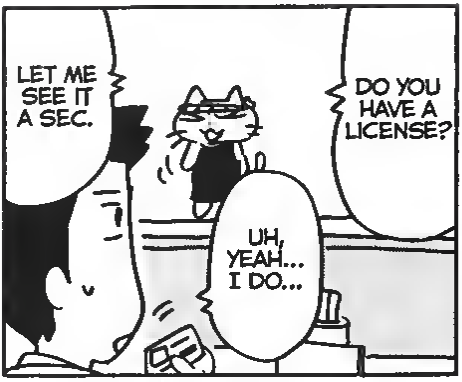

Xylitol
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT XYLITOL?!
CAVITIES, EH?
HUH? OH, MAYBE HOW IT HELPS PREVENT CAVITIES?
I see...
Plop
Plop
Xylitol
WHAT ARE YOU EXPERIMENTING WITH THIS TIME?!
MAYBE THAT'S TOO MANY...
Easy
New!! Only $8
Ramen To Go!
Shoyu
Now you can recreate our authentic flavor easily at home!
REALLY?
WOW...
IT'S INCREDIBLY EASY!
LET'S SEE... "BOIL THE NOODLES."
WHAT THE!!
glob
glob
glob
Enjoy!
"NEXT, ADD YOUR OWN SOY SAUCE AND IT'S DONE!"

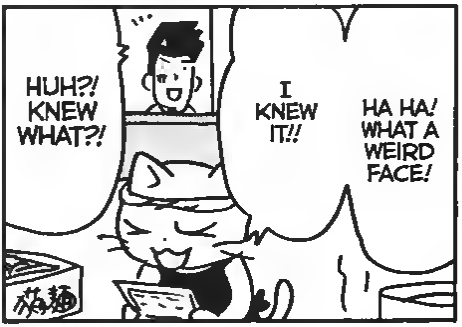
Stamps

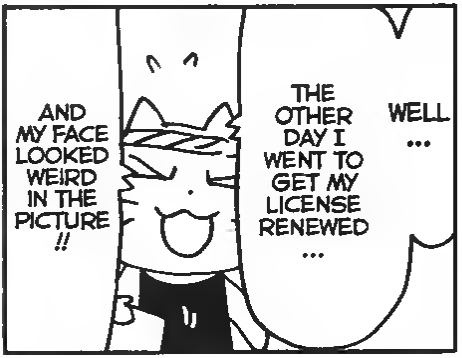


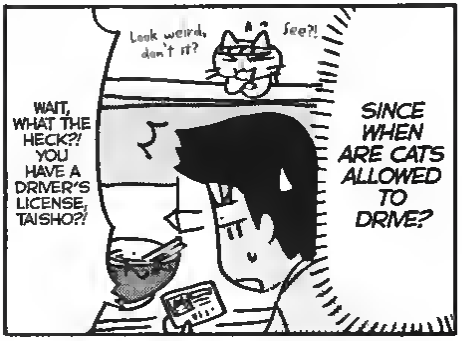


Driver's License









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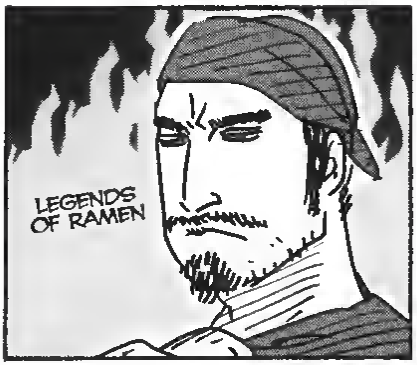

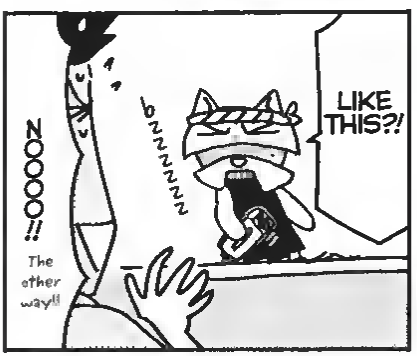

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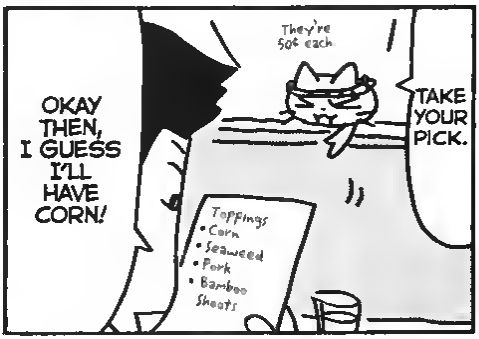

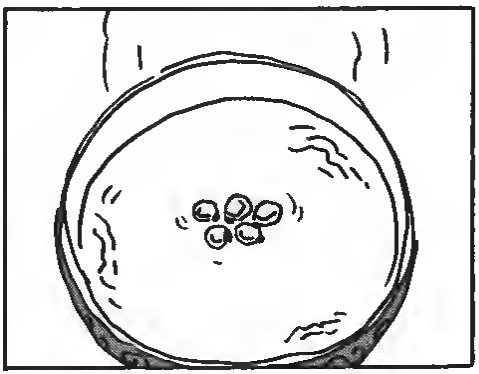

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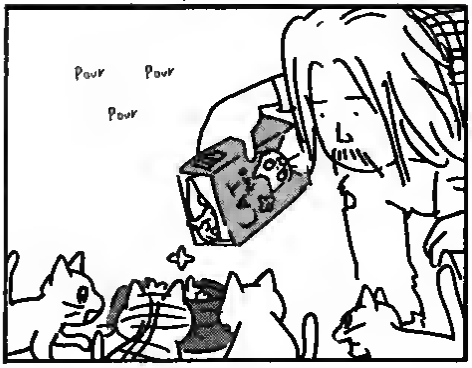

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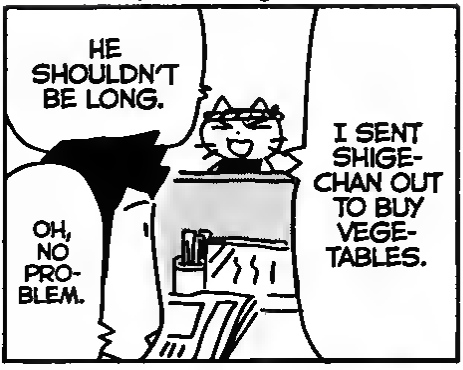
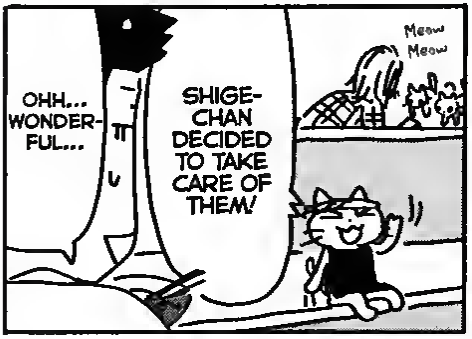
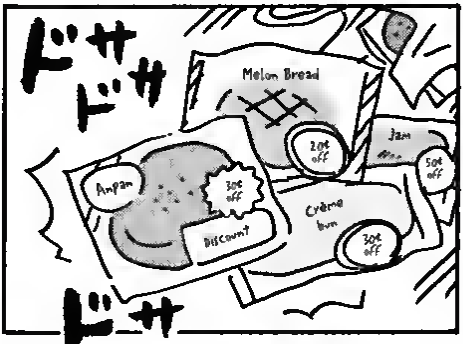
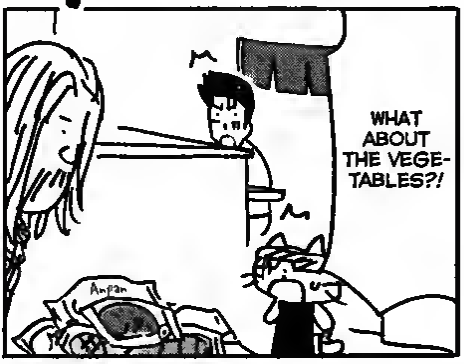
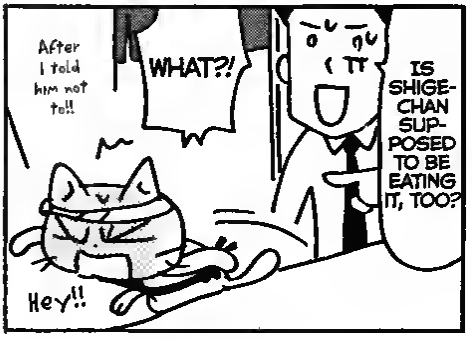
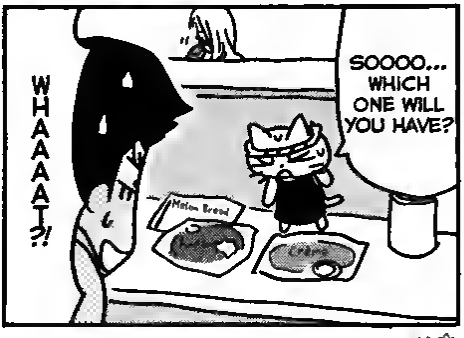








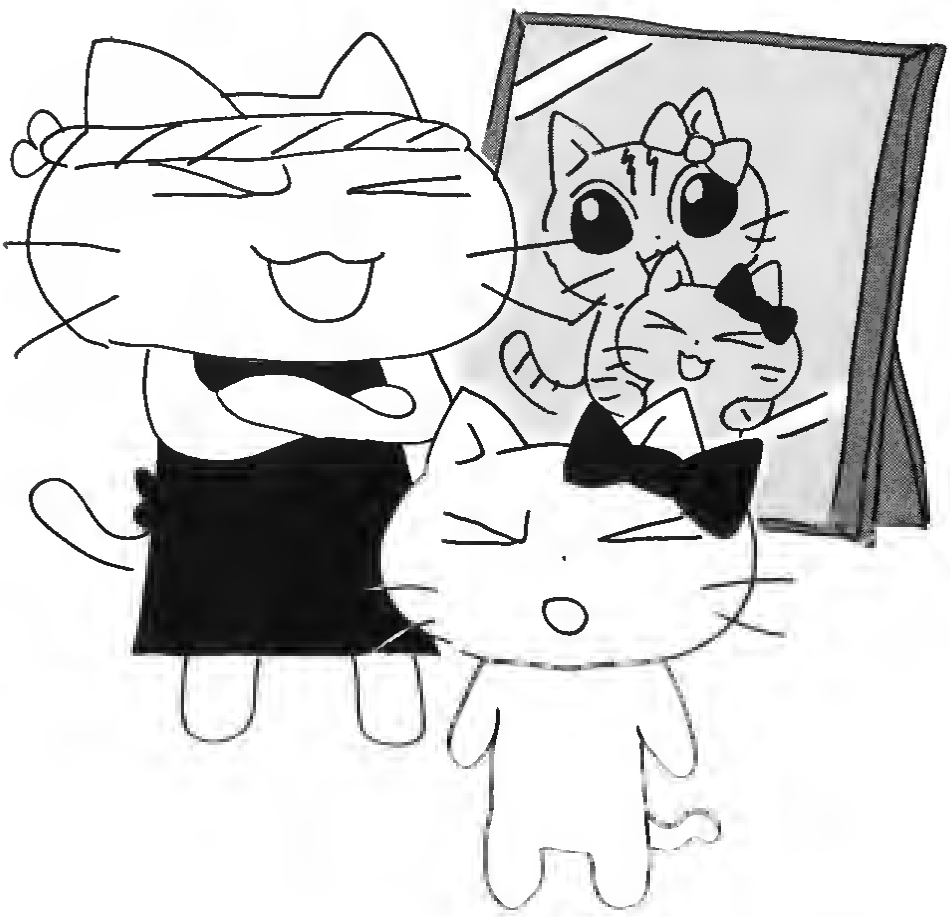




Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-
OKAY, HERE'S YOUR SPECIAL SHOYU RAMEN!!
猫ラーメン
ラーメン
Shake Shake
OH!! IT'S MORE EXPEN-SIVE!!
SO, HOW IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE REGULAR RAMEN?
HUH?
GREAT, THANKS!
Tanaka-san
This is awful
HMM...
I WON-DER...
HUH?!
WHY'D YOU EVEN GET INTO THE RAMEN BUSINESS, TAISHO?!
Slurp
THAT'S IT?!
THAT'S IT!

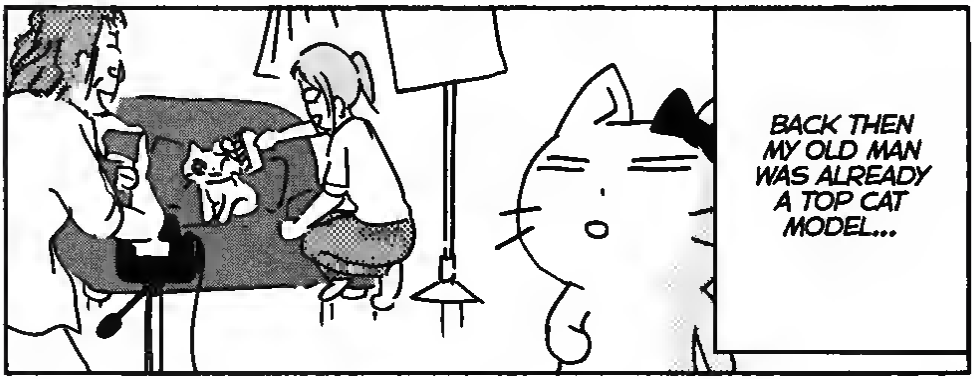
猫ラーメン

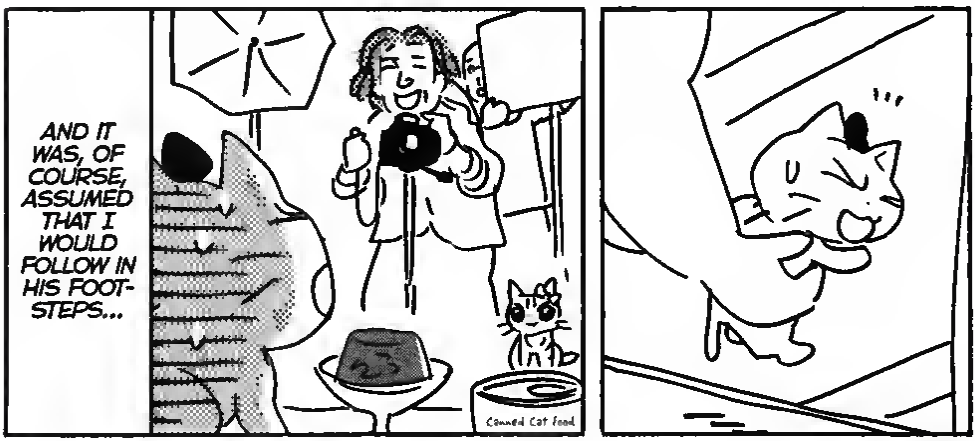
Short Comic Special



The Beginning of it All

Six years ago ...
Tokyo
Taisho
(6 months old)


BACK THEN MY OLD MAN WAS ALREADY A TOP CAT MODEL...


AND IT WAS, OF COURSE, ASSUMED THAT I WOULD FOLLOW IN HIS FOOT-STEPS...
Canned Cat Food

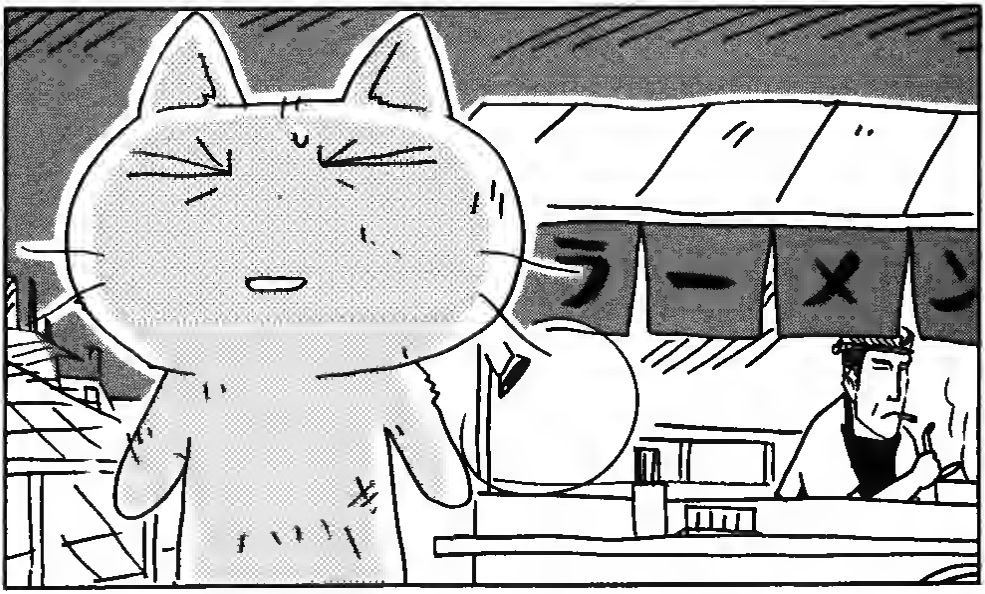
...AND AS SUCH, MY OLD MAN WAS VERY STRICT...
AS THE ELDEST SON, THE EXPECTATIONS FOR ME WERE ESPECIALLY HIGH...
I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME...

...AND HAD A ROUGH TIME LIVING ON THE STREETS....
COFFEE
BUT I HAD NO PLACE TO GO...

...I WAS UN-EQUIPPED TO CATCH MICE...
SINCE I WAS RAISED TO BE A KITTEN MODEL ...
Now Hiring Part-Timer!
Happy
Pho
Happy Sushi

Munch
Munch
Happy Sushi

AFTER BEING RUN OUT OF THE SUSHI BUSINESS, I TRIED MY HAND AT VARIOUS JOBS...
Driving Instructor
Doctor
Horse Racing
Artist
Athlete
AND SO ...
BUT NONE OF THEM LASTED FOR LONG...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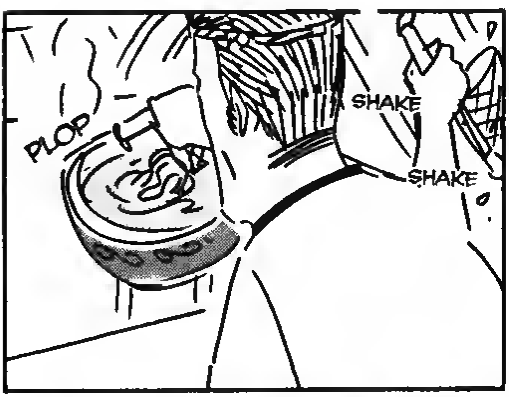
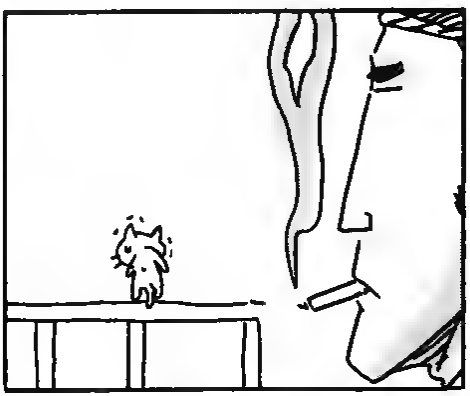
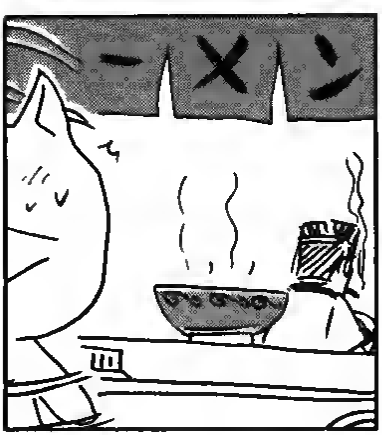

PLOP
SHAKE
SHAKE

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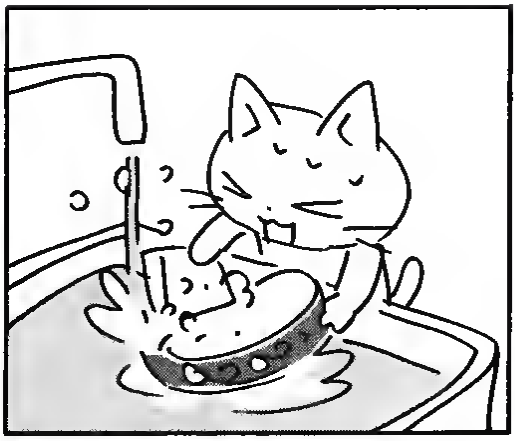
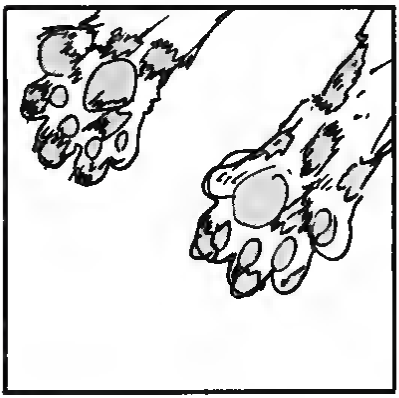
ラーメン

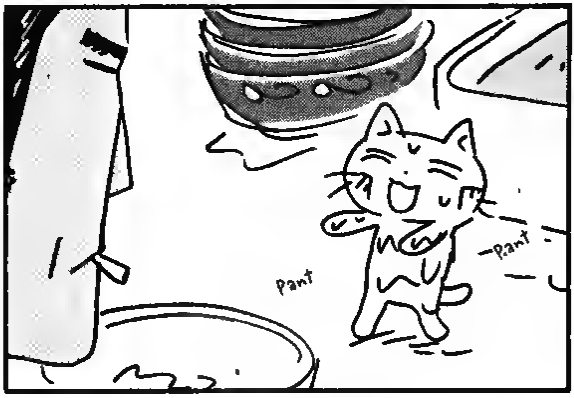
Slurp
SSS
Champ
Munch
Slurp

メンラ
SCRUB
SCRUB

Scrub
Scrub



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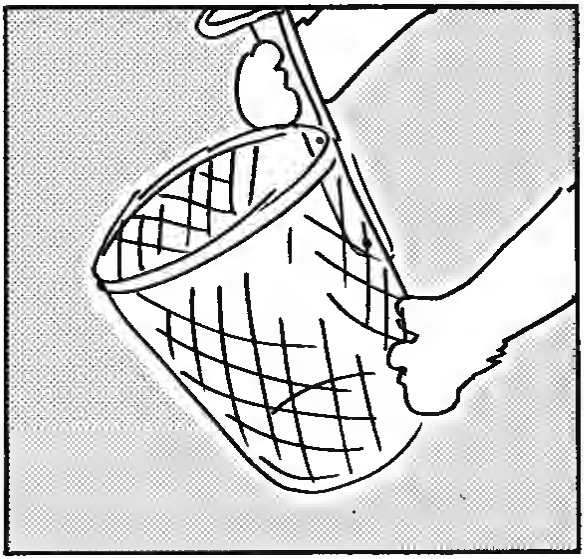
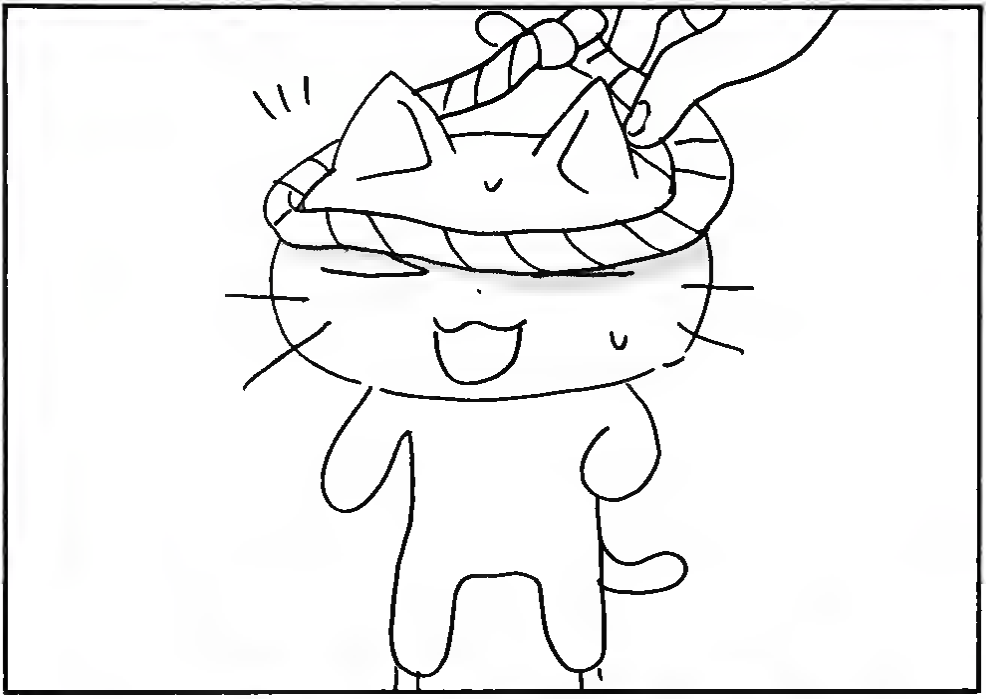
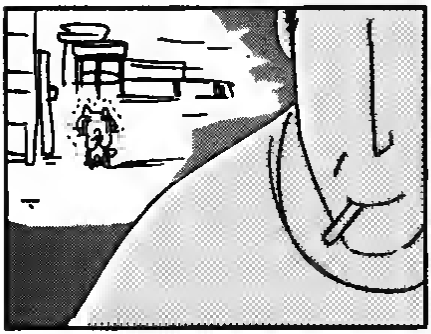
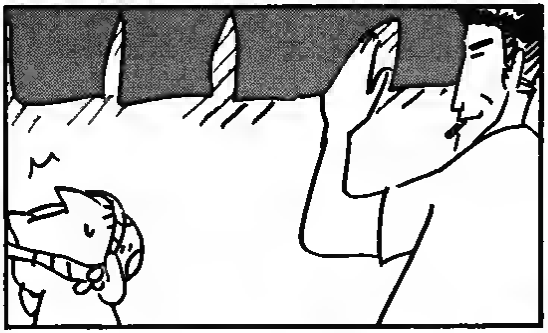
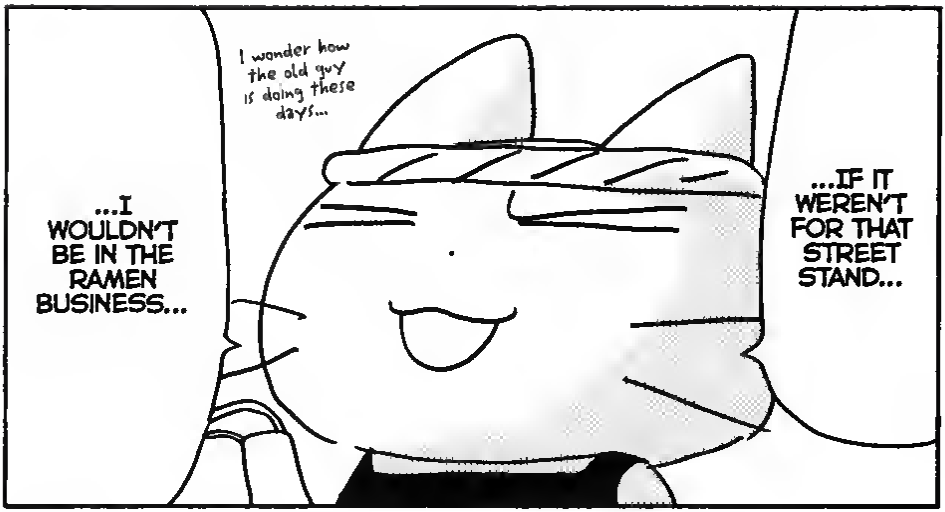


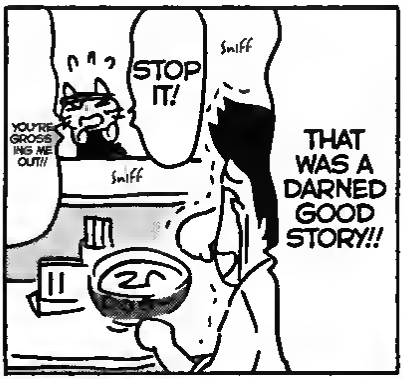
Fuuu
Chop
Chop
Simmer
Thump
Thump

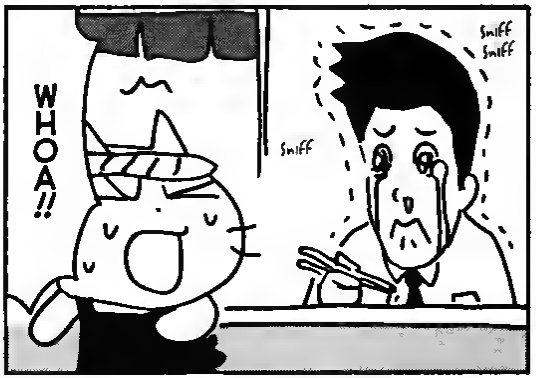


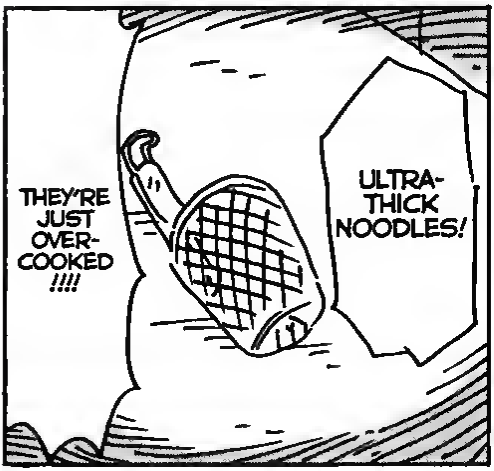


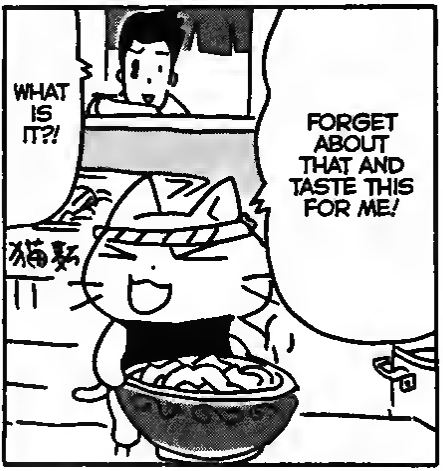



I wonder how the old guy is doing these days...
...I WOULDN'T BE IN THE RAMEN BUSINESS...
...IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT STREET STAND...


STOP IT!
Sniff
YOU'RE GROSSING ME OUT!!
Sniff
THAT WAS A DARNED GOOD STORY!!


WHOA!!
Sniff
Sniff Sniff

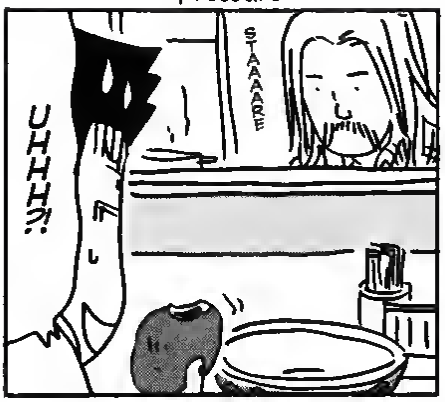

THEY'RE JUST OVER-COOKED !!!!
ULTRA-THICK NOODLES!

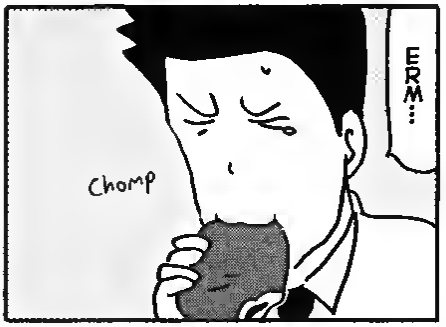

WHAT IS IT?!
FORGET ABOUT THAT AND TASTE THIS FOR ME!

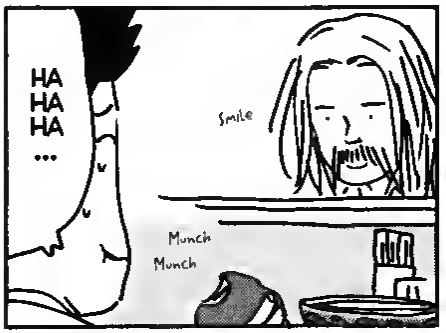
猫ラーメン

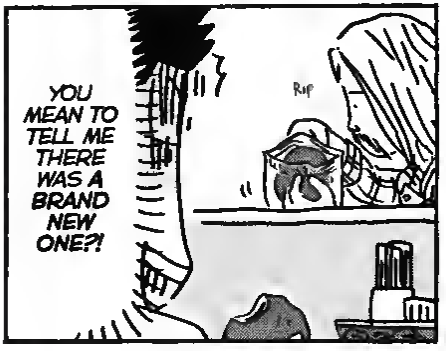
Chapter 7

Pressure

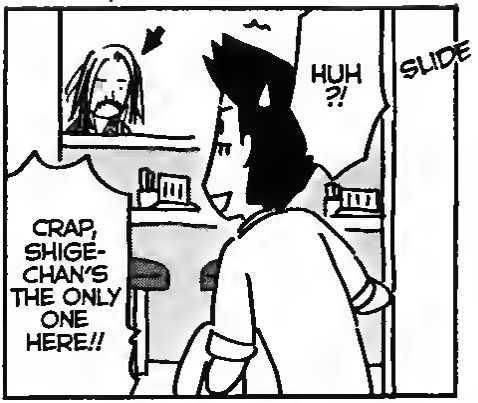


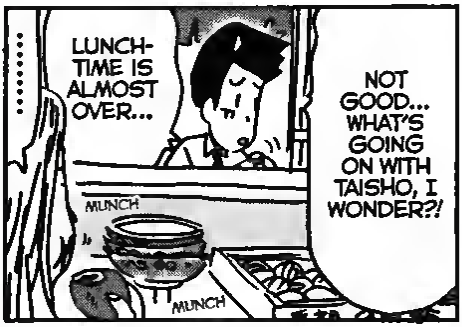


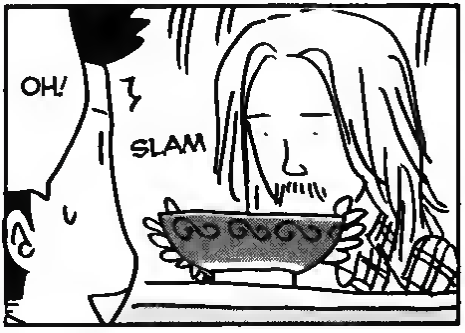


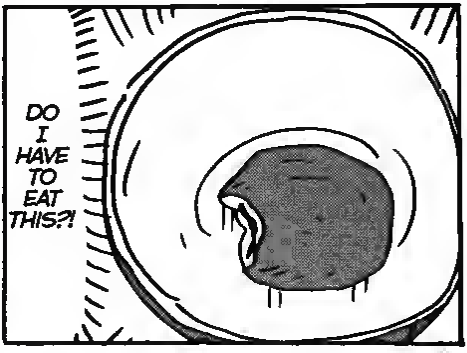


Shige-chan Ramen

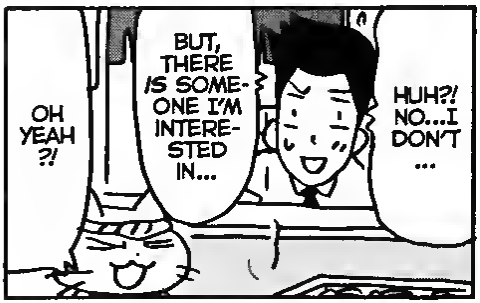


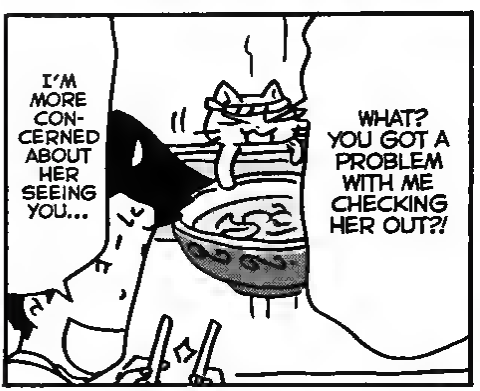






Girlfriend





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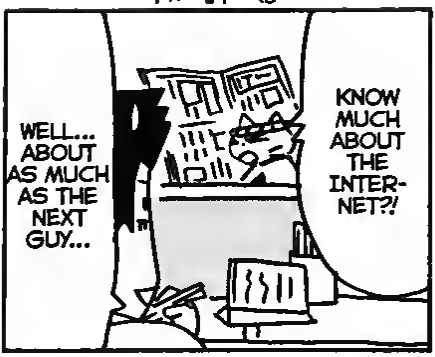

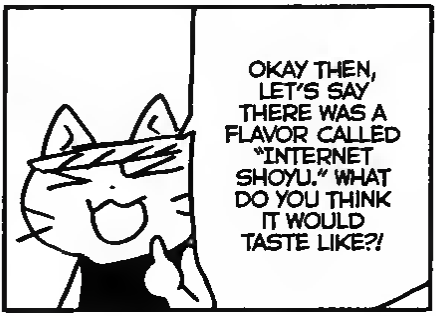

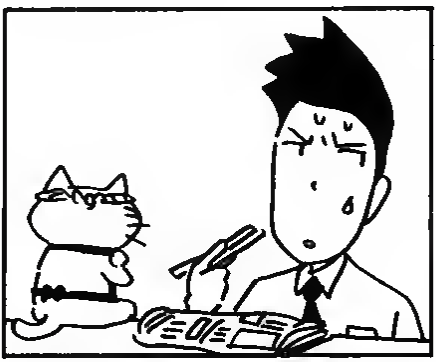

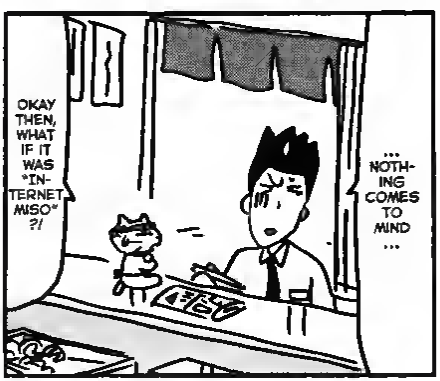

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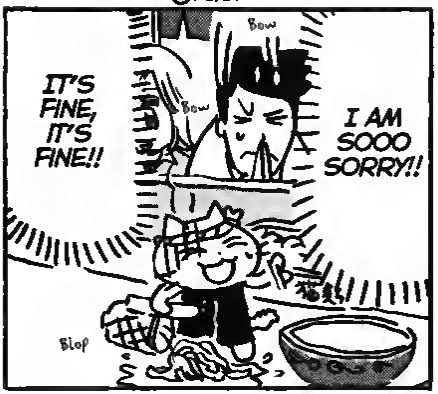
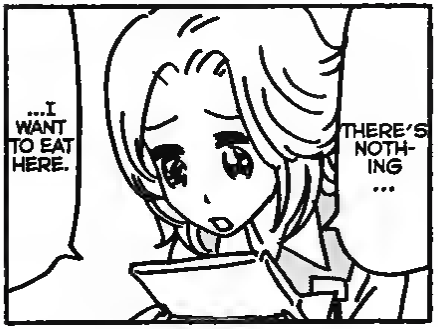
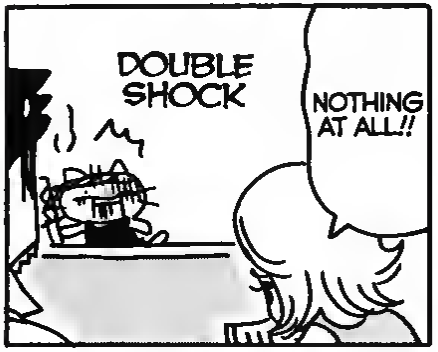
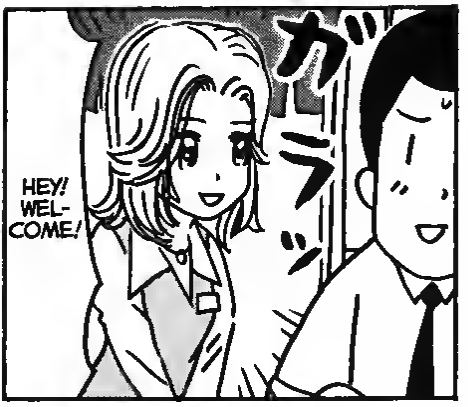
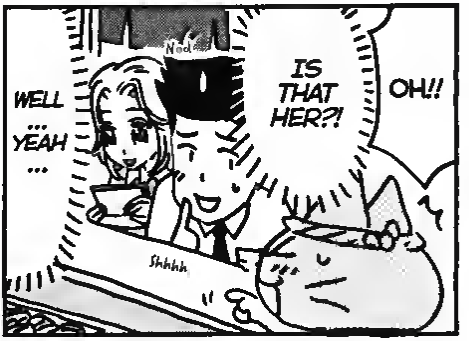


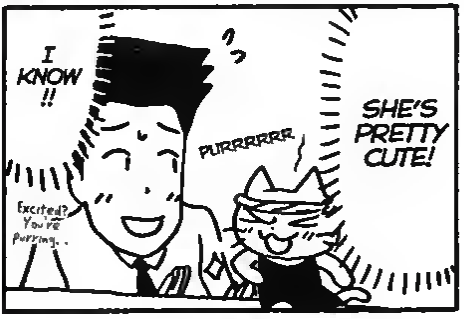


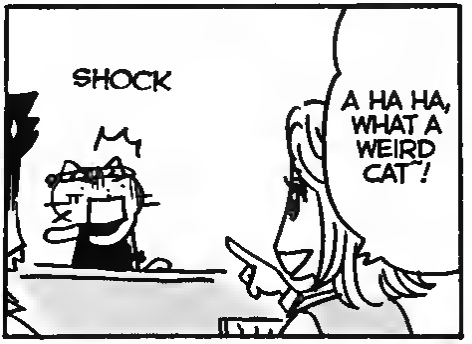


First Impressions









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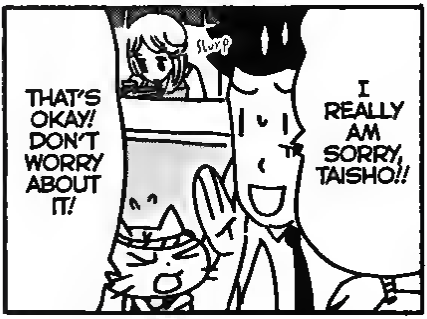
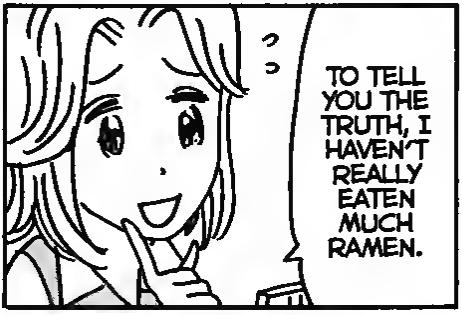
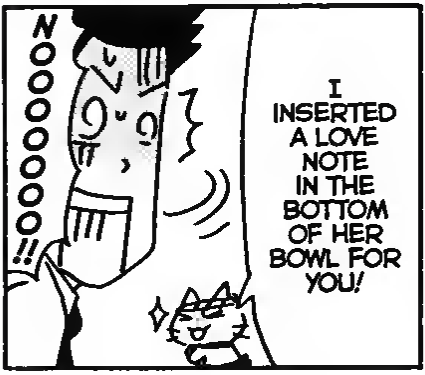
Reason







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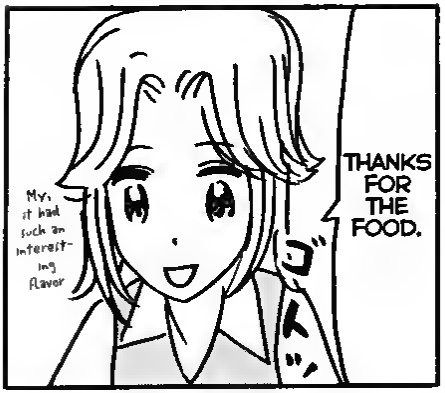

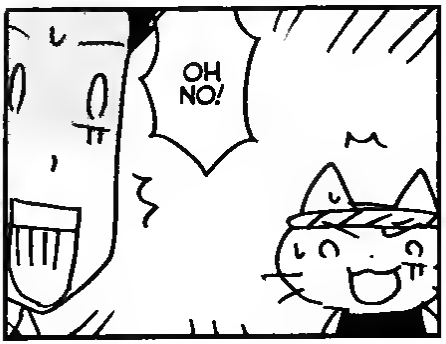

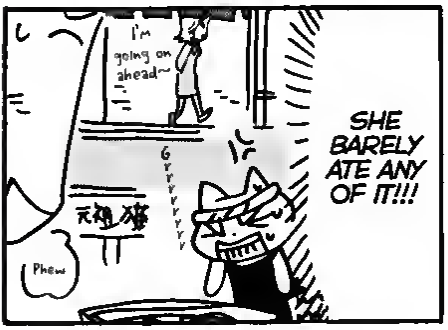

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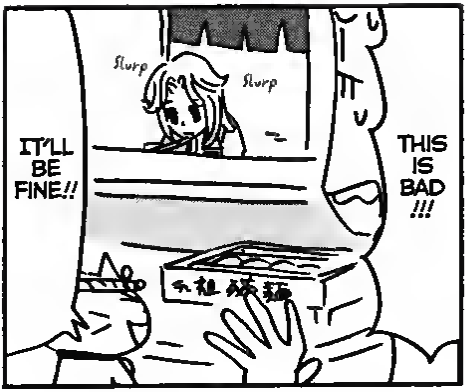

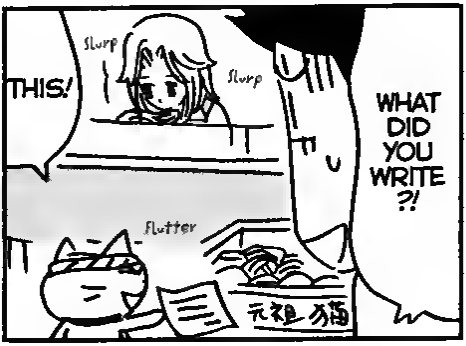

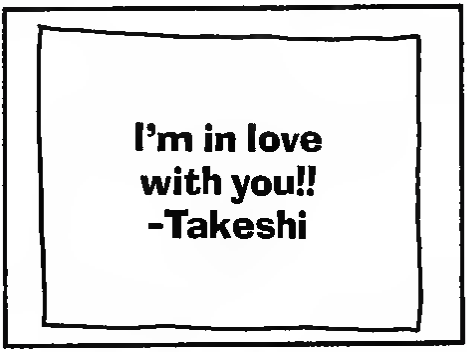

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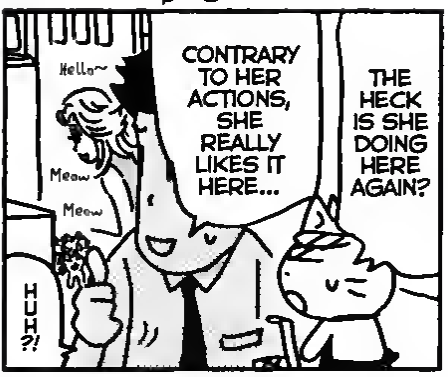
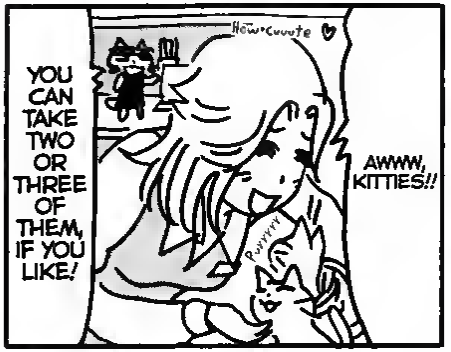
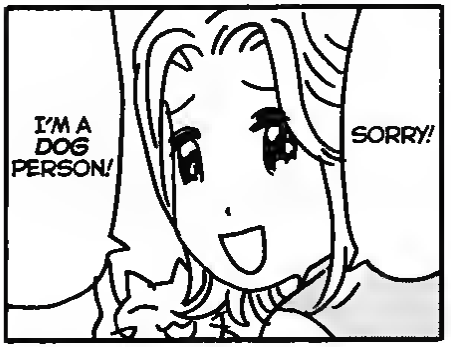
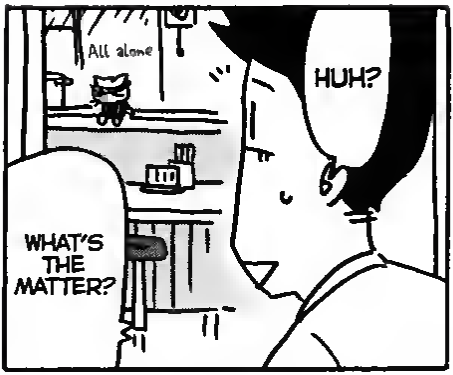
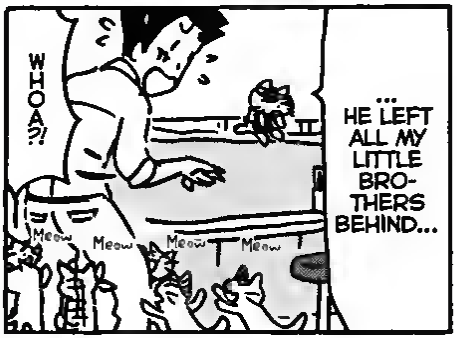


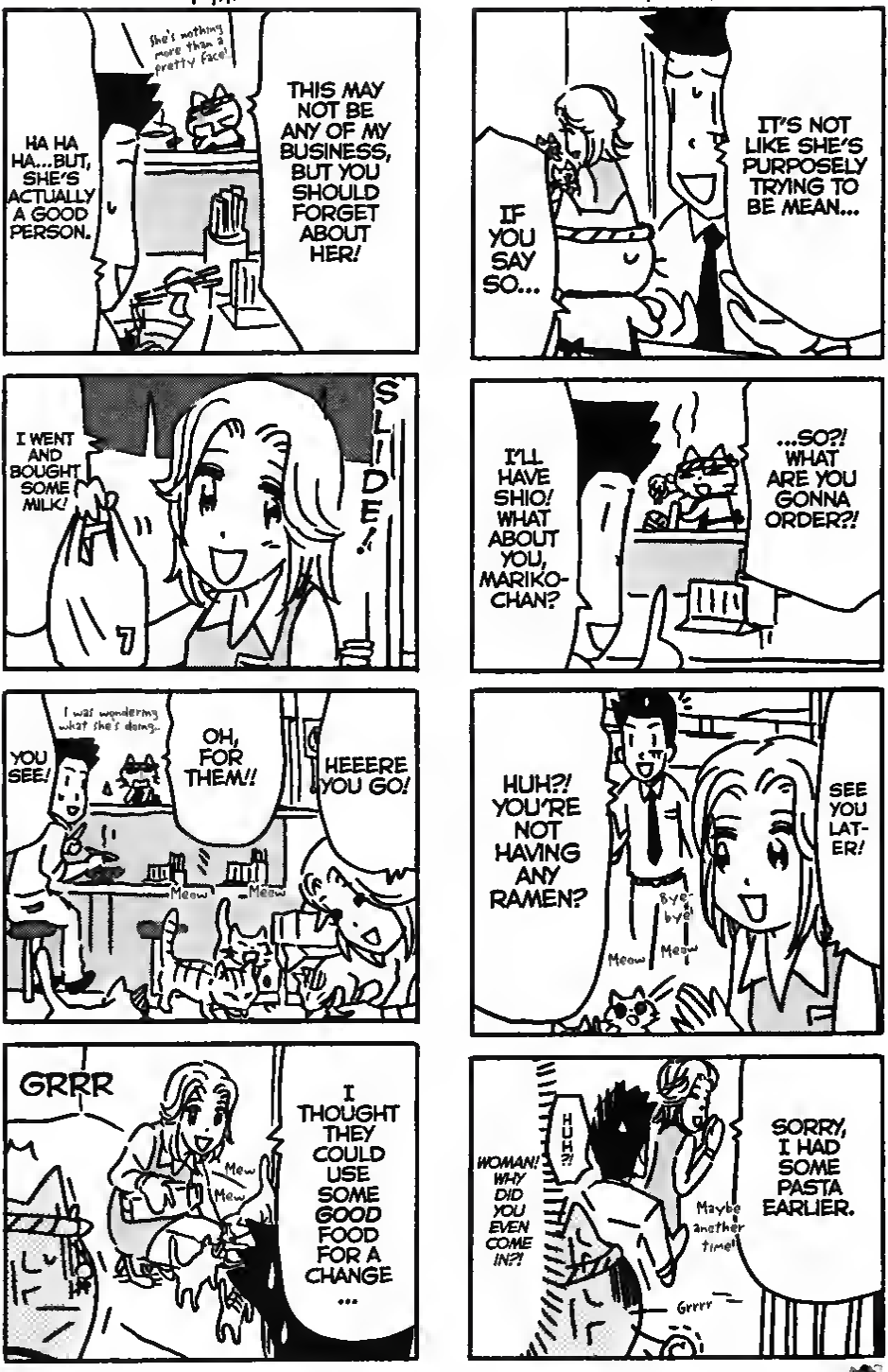




Job Opening



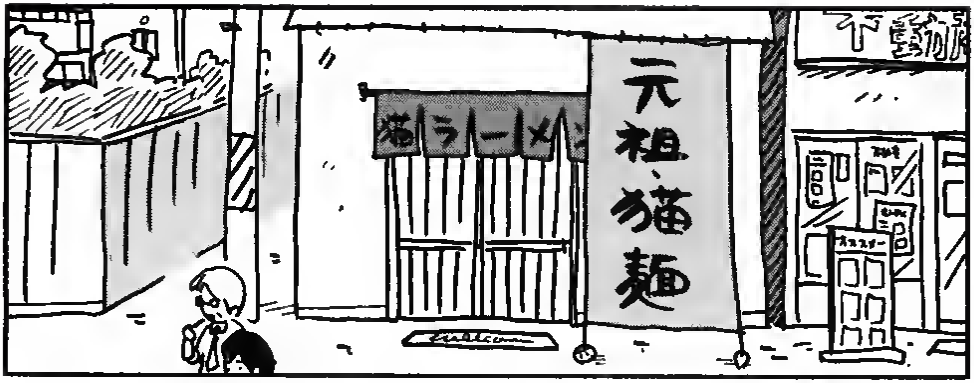



Milk
Pasta
She's nothing more than a pretty face!
HA HA HA...BUT, SHE'S ACTUALLY A GOOD PERSON.
THIS MAY NOT BE ANY OF MY BUSINESS, BUT YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT HER!
IF YOU SAY SO...
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S PURPOSELY TRYING TO BE MEAN...
I WENT AND BOUGHT SOME MILK!
SLIDE!
I'LL HAVE SHIO! WHAT ABOUT YOU, MARIKO-CHAN?
...SO?! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA ORDER?!
I was wondering what she's doing..
YOU SEE!
OH, FOR THEM!!
HEEERE YOU GO!
Meow
Meow
HUH?! YOU'RE NOT HAVING ANY RAMEN?
SEE YOU LAT-ER!
Bye-bye!
Meow
Meow
GRRR
Mew
Mew
I THOUGHT THEY COULD USE SOME GOOD FOOD FOR A CHANGE ...
WOMAN! WHY DID YOU EVEN COME IN?!
HUH?!
Maybe another time!
Grrrr
SORRY, I HAD SOME PASTA EARLIER.

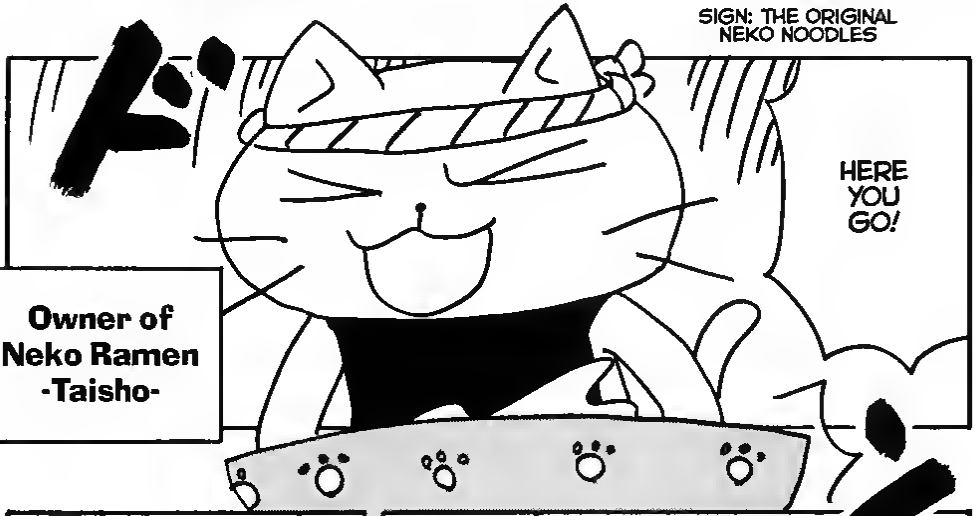
猫ラーメン

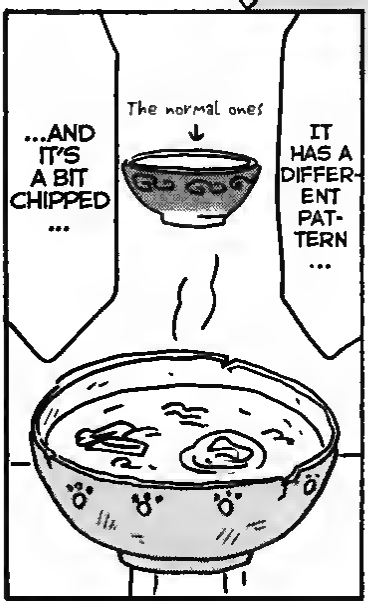
Short Comic Special

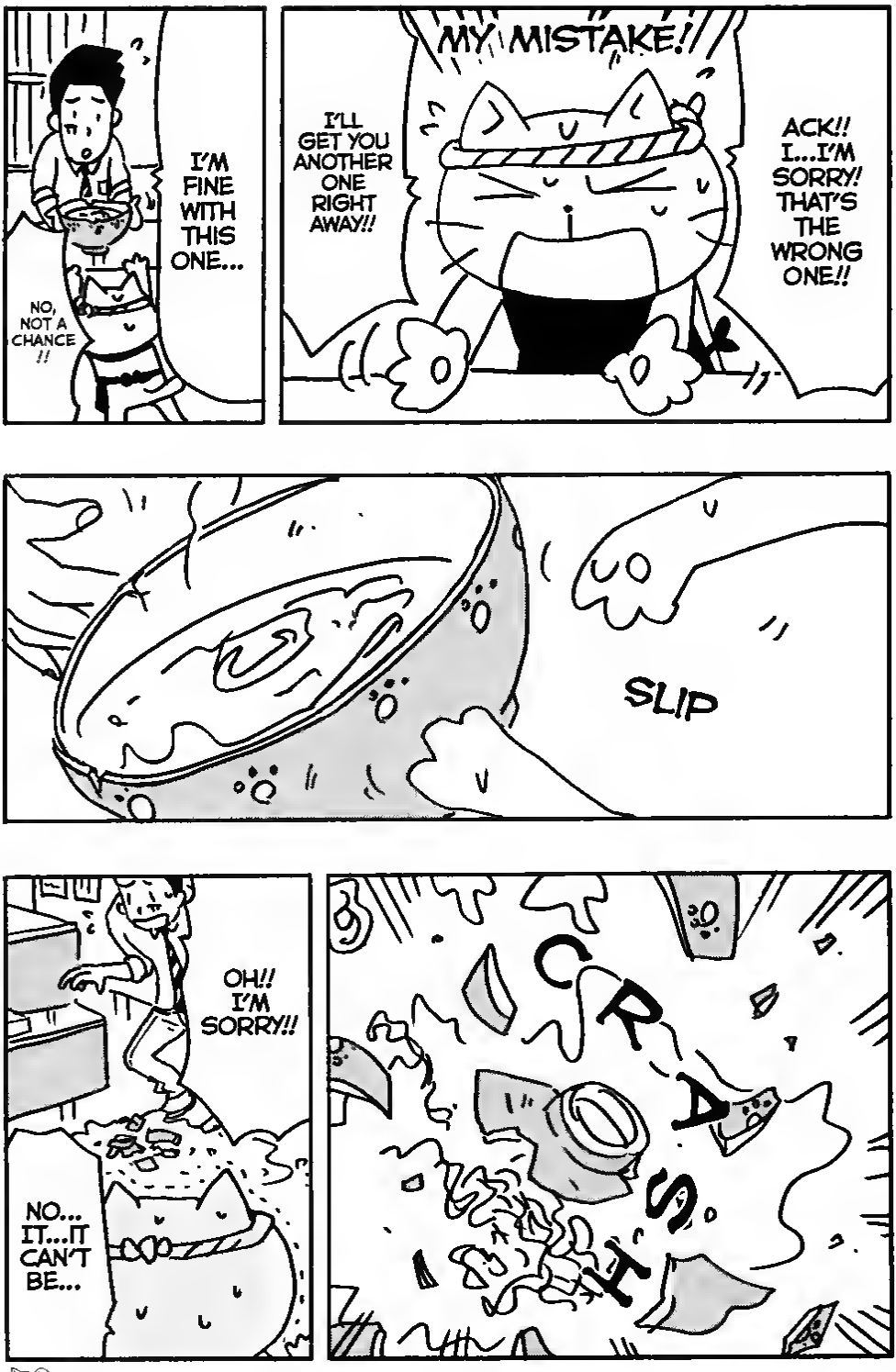
The Bowl of Friendship

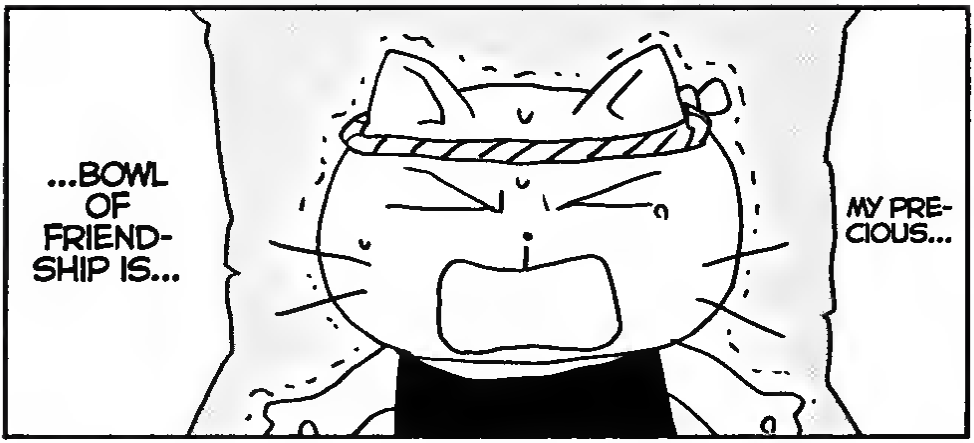


SIGN: THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES



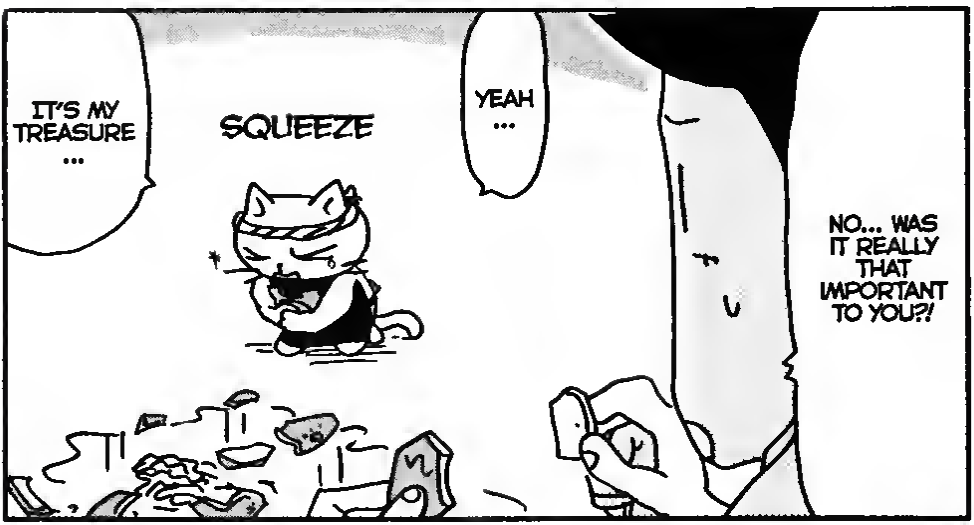


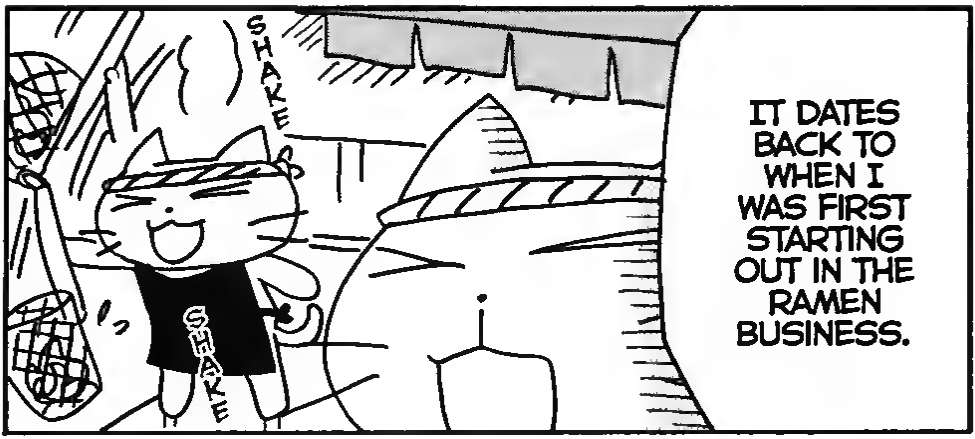

I'M FINE WITH THIS ONE...
NO, NOT A CHANCE !!
MY MISTAKE!
I'LL GET YOU ANOTHER ONE RIGHT AWAY!!
ACK!! I...I'M SORRY! THAT'S THE WRONG ONE!!
SLIP
OH!! I'M SORRY!!
NO... IT...IT CAN'T BE...
CRASH

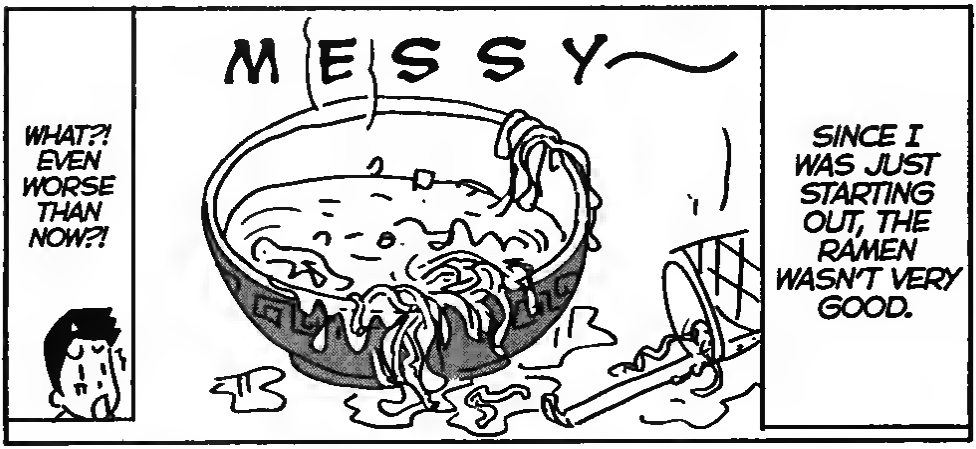

...BOWL OF FRIEND-SHIP IS...
MY PRE-CIOUS...

I NEVER TOLD YOU?!
WHAT?

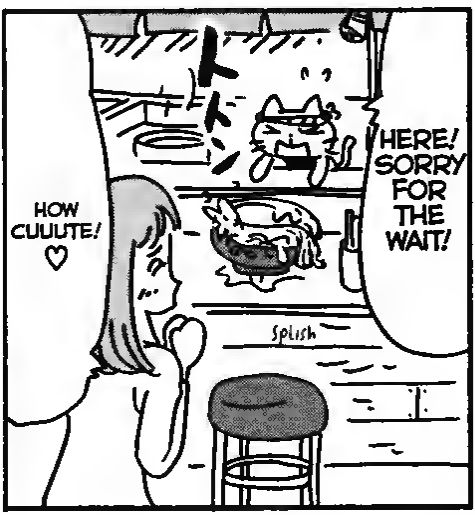
WHAT'S THAT?!
B... BOWL OF FRIEND-SHIP?!


IT'S MY TREASURE ...
SQUEEZE
YEAH ...
NO... WAS IT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?!

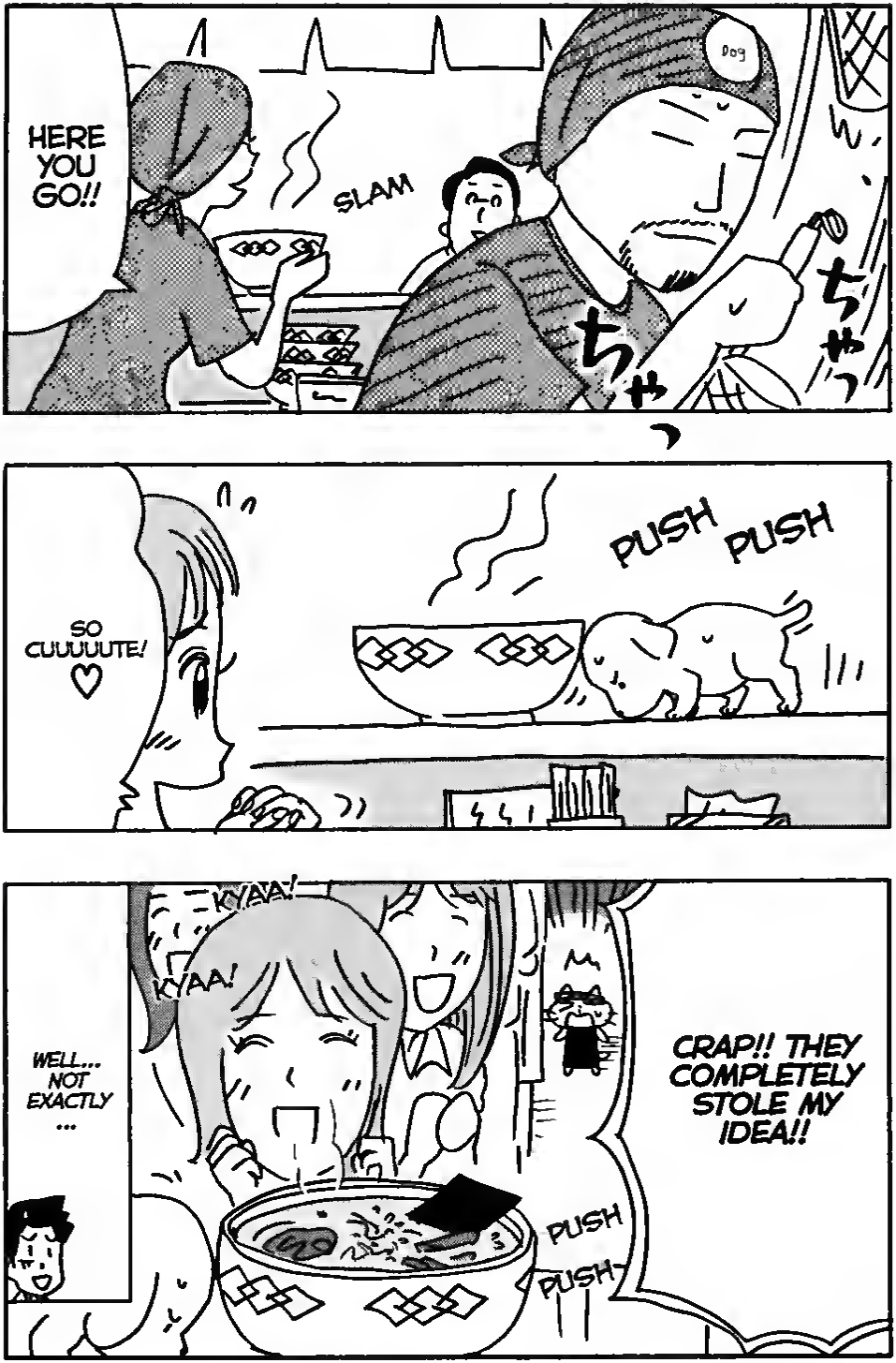

SHAKE
SHAKE
IT DATES BACK TO WHEN I WAS FIRST STARTING OUT IN THE RAMEN BUSINESS.


WHAT?! EVEN WORSE THAN NOW?!
MESSY~
SINCE I WAS JUST STARTING OUT, THE RAMEN WASN'T VERY GOOD.

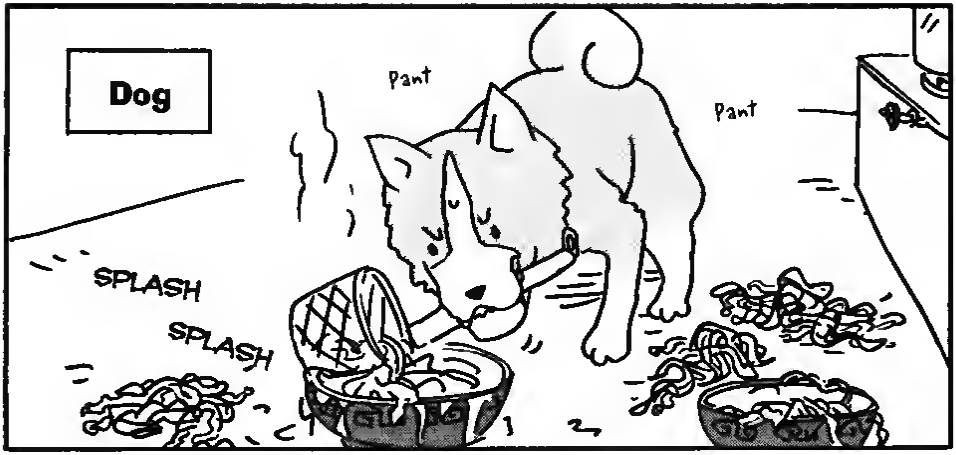
So cuuute!
EVEN SO, BUSINESS WAS BOOMING.
DIDN'T THEY EVEN CARE ABOUT THE TASTE...?
ACK!
PLOP
SHAKE

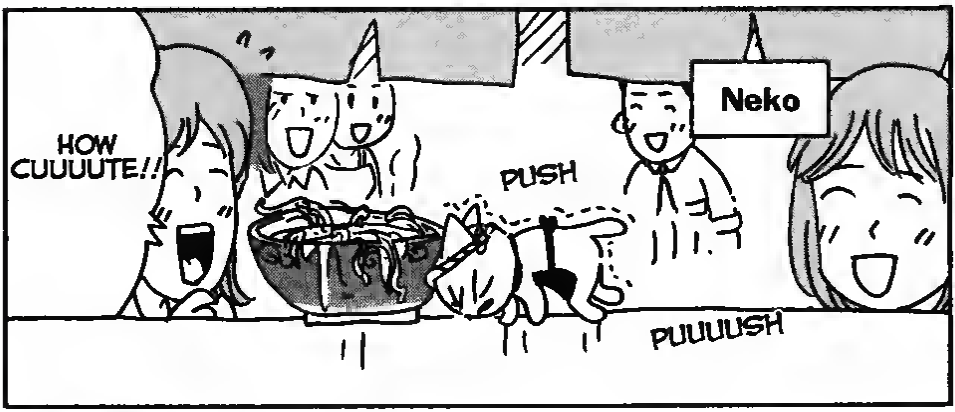

HOW CUUUTE! ♡
HERE! SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
Splish

SIGN: THE ORIGINAL DOG RAMEN.


HERE YOU GO!!
SLAM
Dog
ちゃっ
ちゃっ
SO CUUUUUTE!
PUSH PUSH
KYAA!
KYAA!
WELL... NOT EXACTLY ...
PUSH
PUSH
CRAP!! THEY COMPLETELY STOLE MY IDEA!!

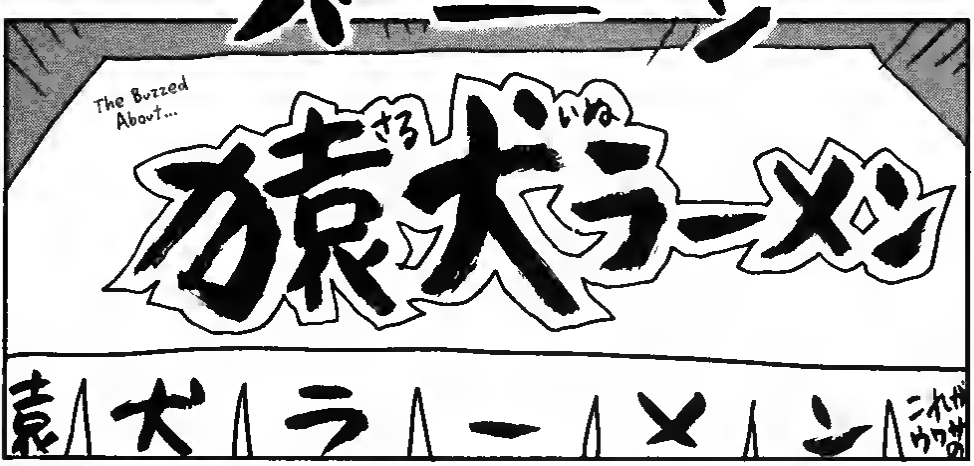
SIGN: DOG + NEKO RAMEN


Dog
Pant
Pant
SPLASH
SPLASH

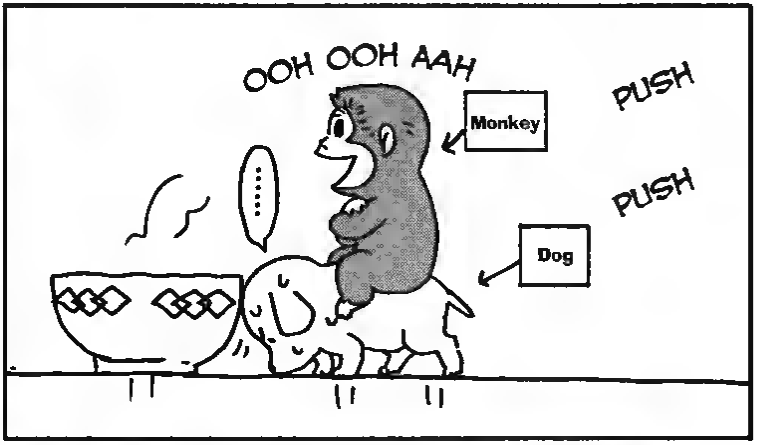

Neko
HOW CUUUUTE!!
PUSH
PUUUUSH

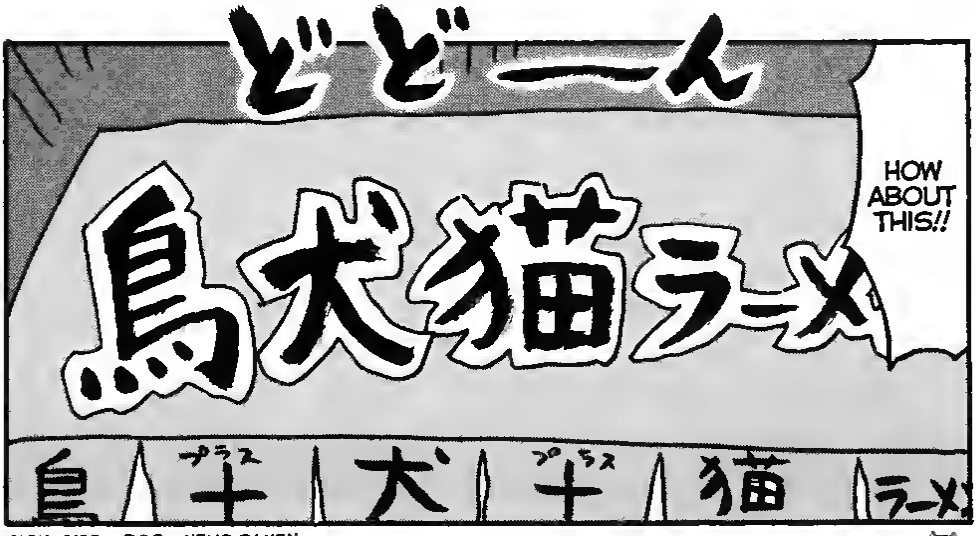
AGREED, BIG BROTHER!!
Kyaa! Kyaa!
DAMMIT! WE'RE NOT GONNA LET HIM BEAT US!!
Dog

YOU'VE GOTTA PLAY A LITTLE DIRTY TO WIN!
Have you no pride?
WHAT?! THAT'S HOW YOU FOUGHT BACK?!

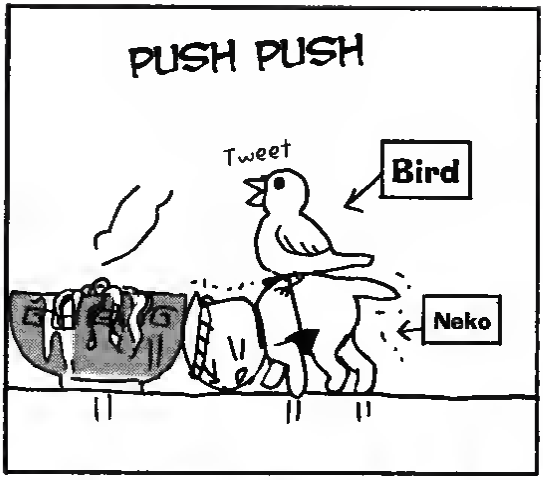


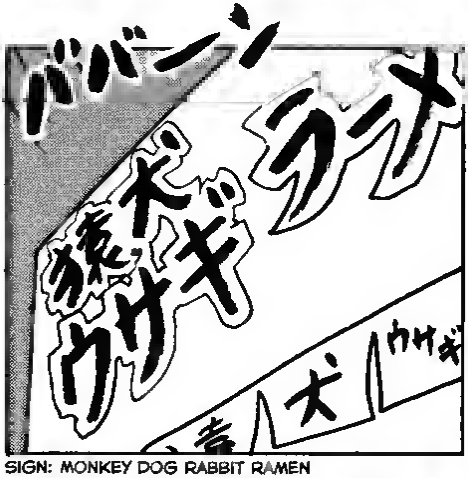
SIGN: MONKEY DOG RAMEN



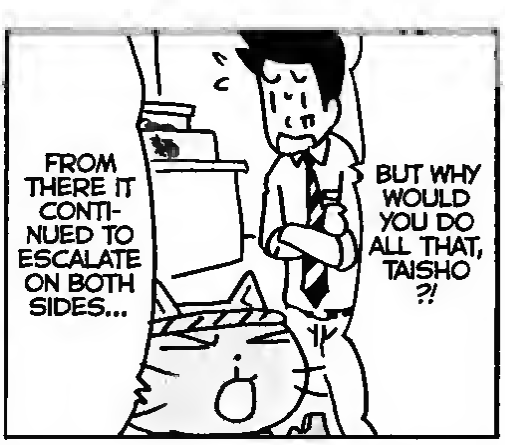


SIGN: BIRD + DOG + NEKO RAMEN

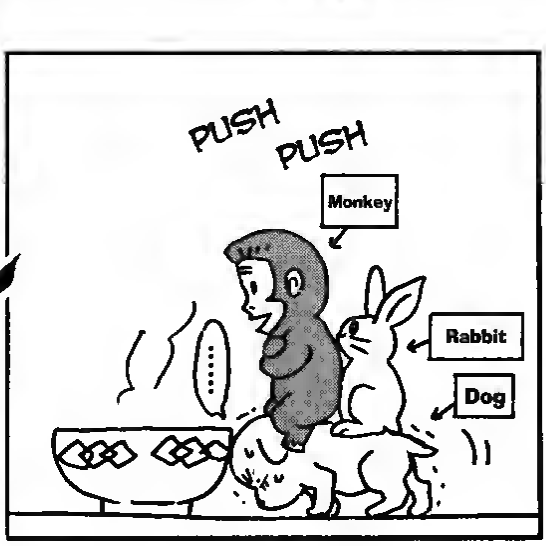


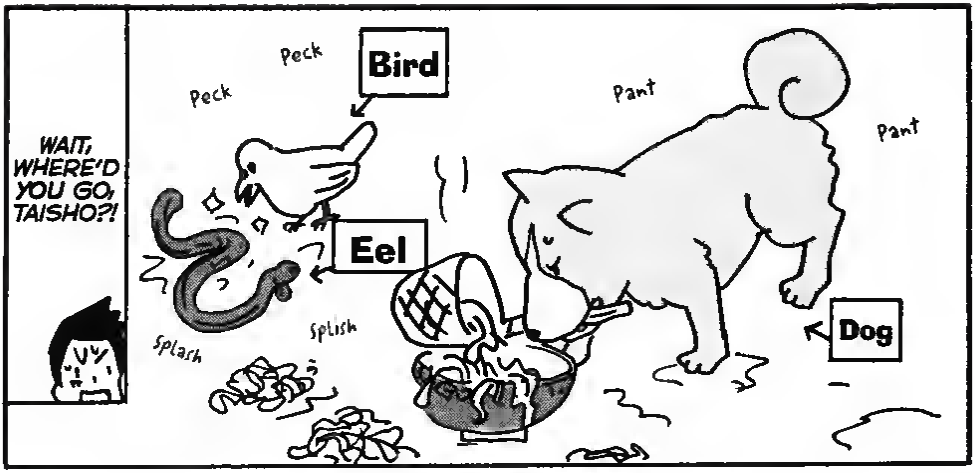


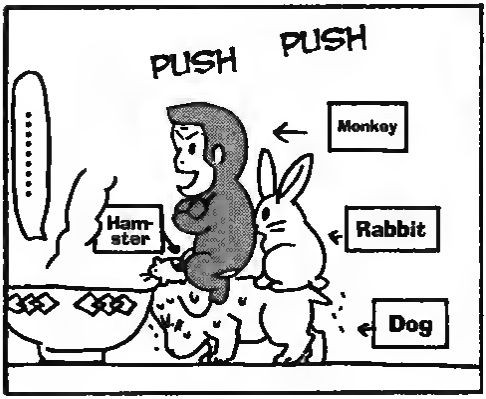
SIGN: MONKEY DOG RABBIT RAMEN

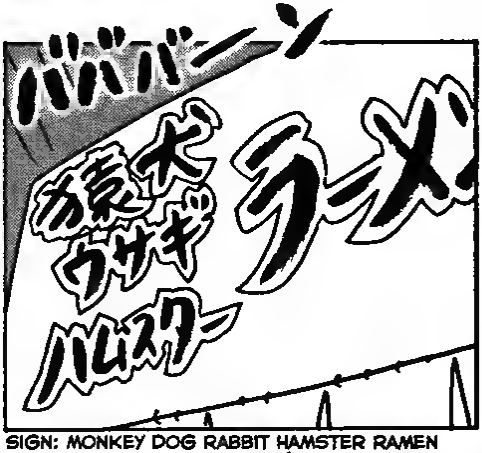


SIGN: BIRD DOG EEL RAMEN

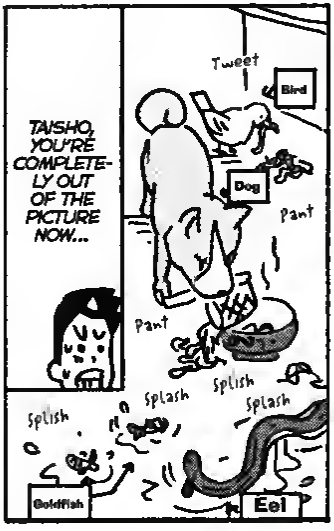




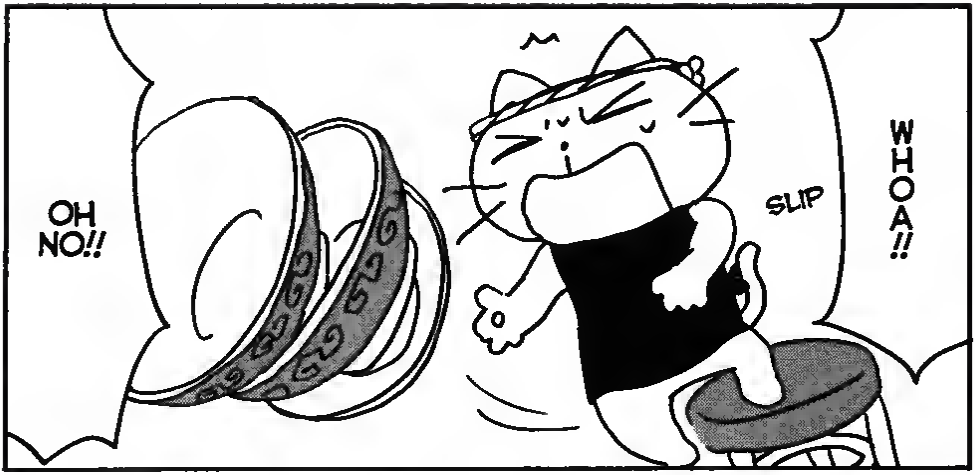


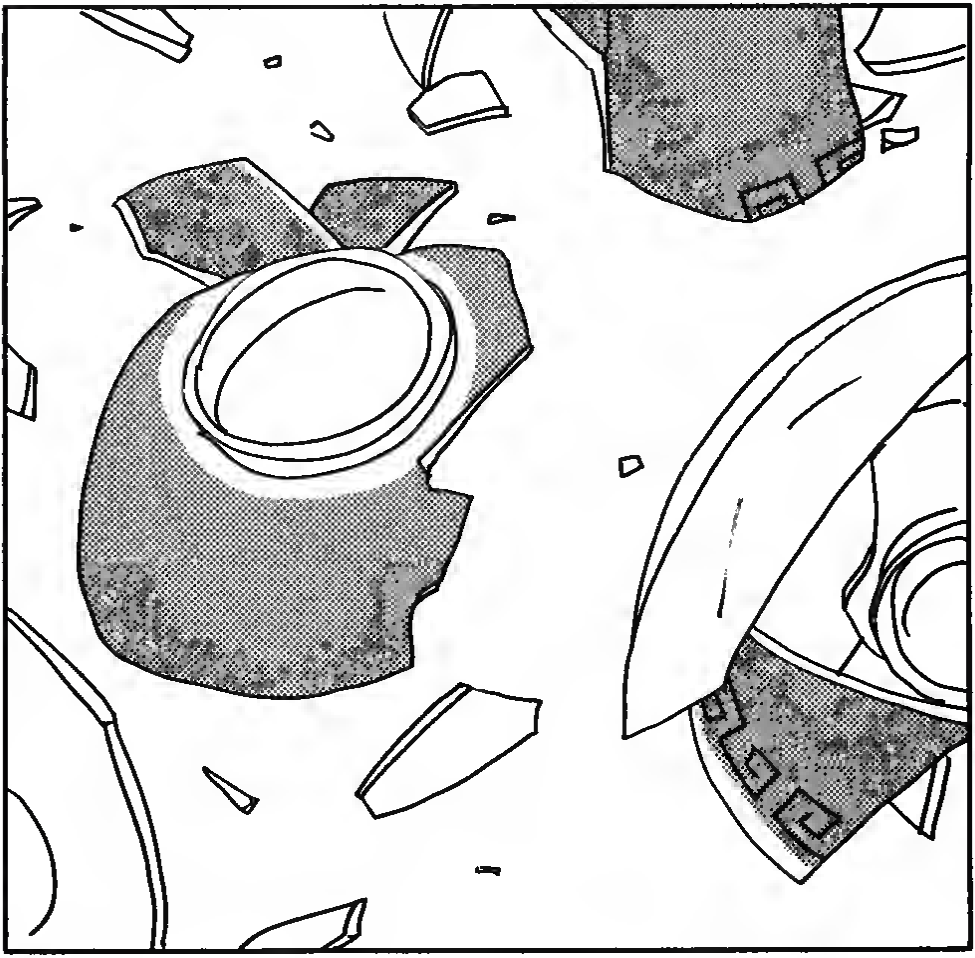


SIGN: MONKEY DOG RABBIT HAMSTER RAMEN



SIGN: BIRD DOG EEL GOLDFISH RAMEN

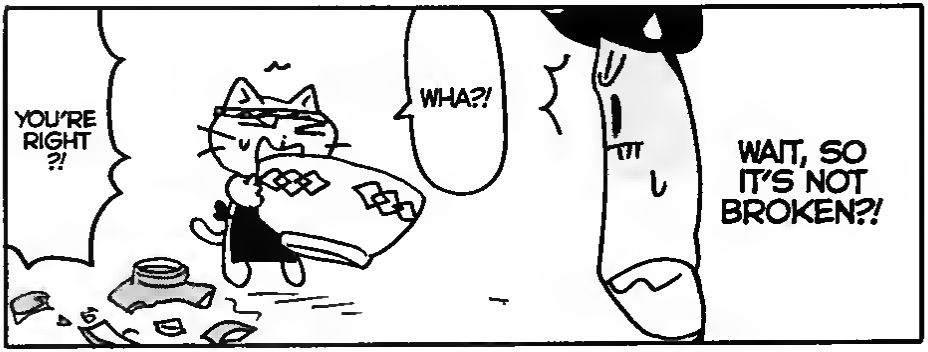

OH NO!!
SLIP
WHOA!!

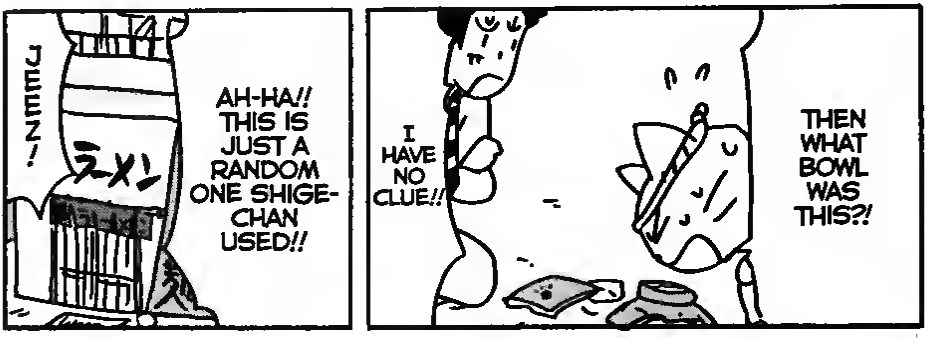


THEY'RE ALL BROKEN...
.....
SHOCK
I got too carried away.
HA HA HA!! LOOKS LIKE WE WIN!!
.....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
MY MISO READY YET?
HURRY UP!
I'D LIKE A CHAR-SIU, PLEASE!!
THREE SHO-YU!!
IS MY MISO READY YET?!
Crash
Crash
.....

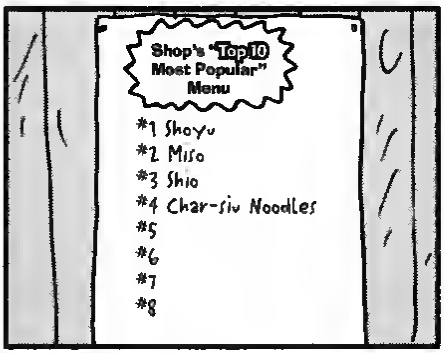
?!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT!!
BUT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LOSING TO YOU!
YOU GOTTA HELP EACH OTHER IN TIMES OF NEED!
Splish Splash
Tweet
THANK YOU...

AND THIS IS THE BOWL HE GAVE ME...


YOU'RE RIGHT ?!
WHA?!
WAIT, SO IT'S NOT BROKEN?!


TWEN!
ラーメン
AH-HA!! THIS IS JUST A RANDOM ONE SHIGE-CHAN USED!!
I HAVE NO CLUE!!
THEN WHAT BOWL WAS THIS?!

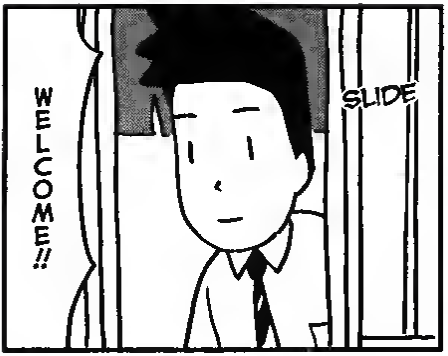
Popular Menu

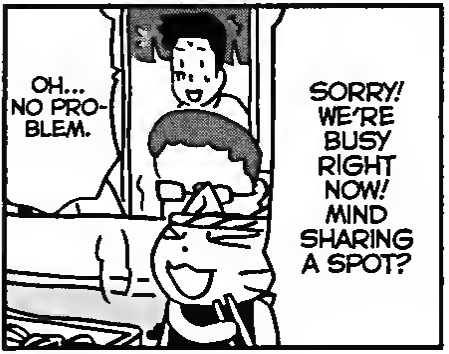


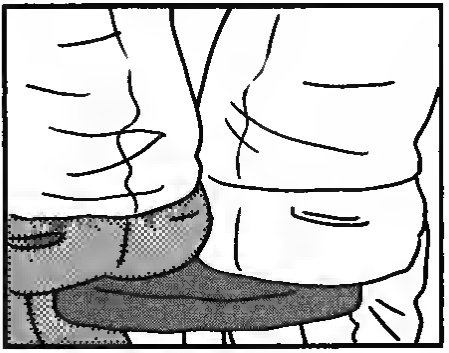
猫ラーメン

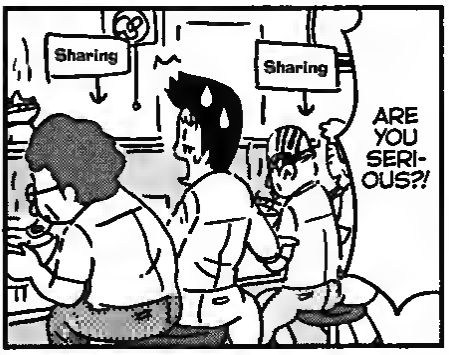
Chapter 8

Splitting a Table

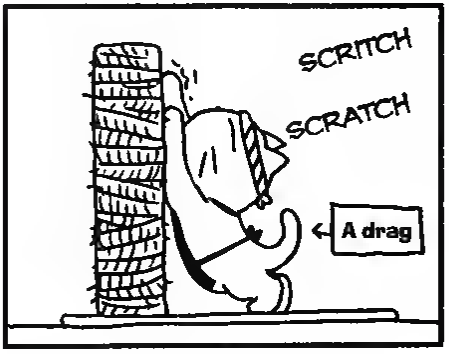


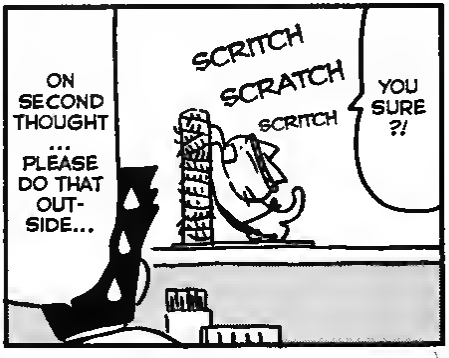






A Quick Drag





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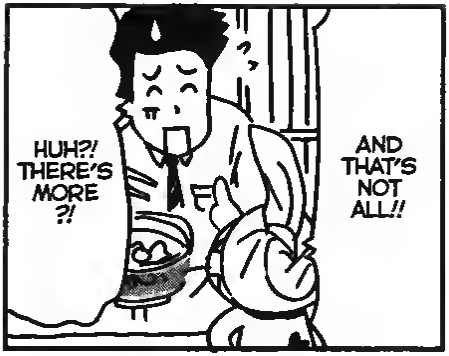

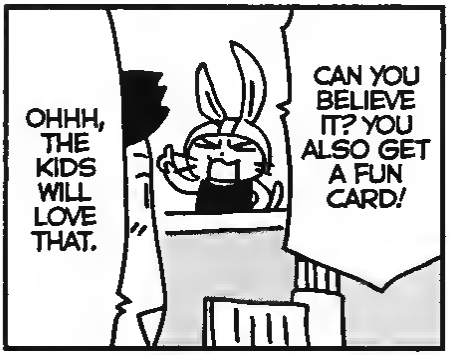

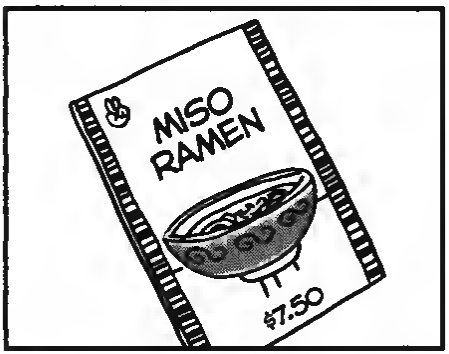

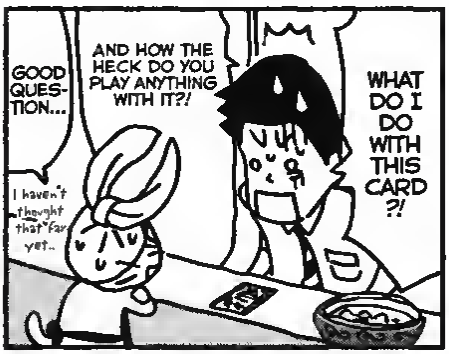

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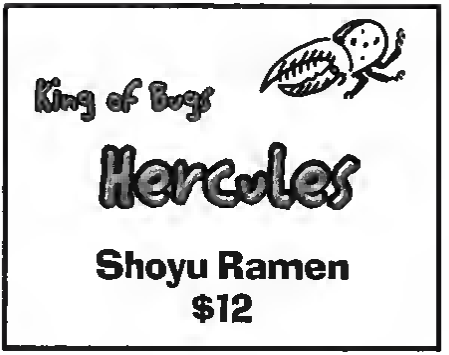

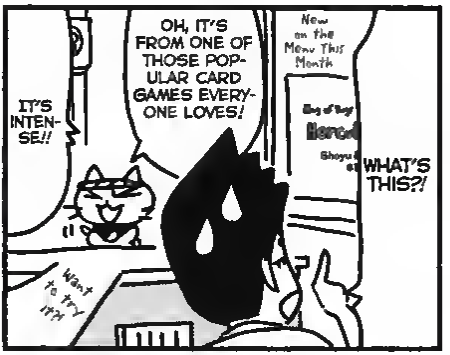

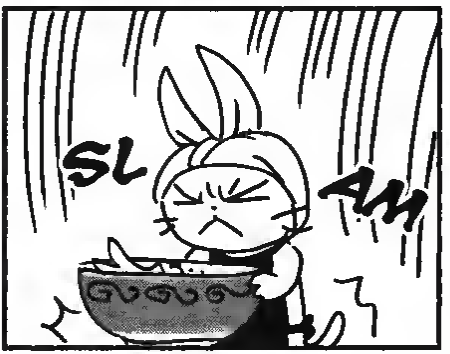

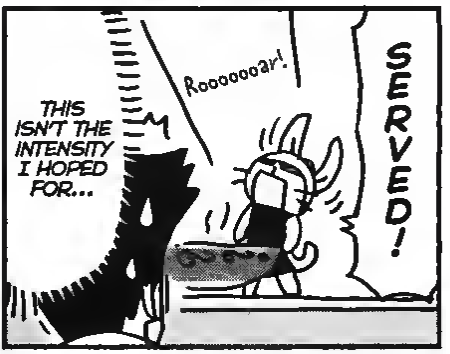

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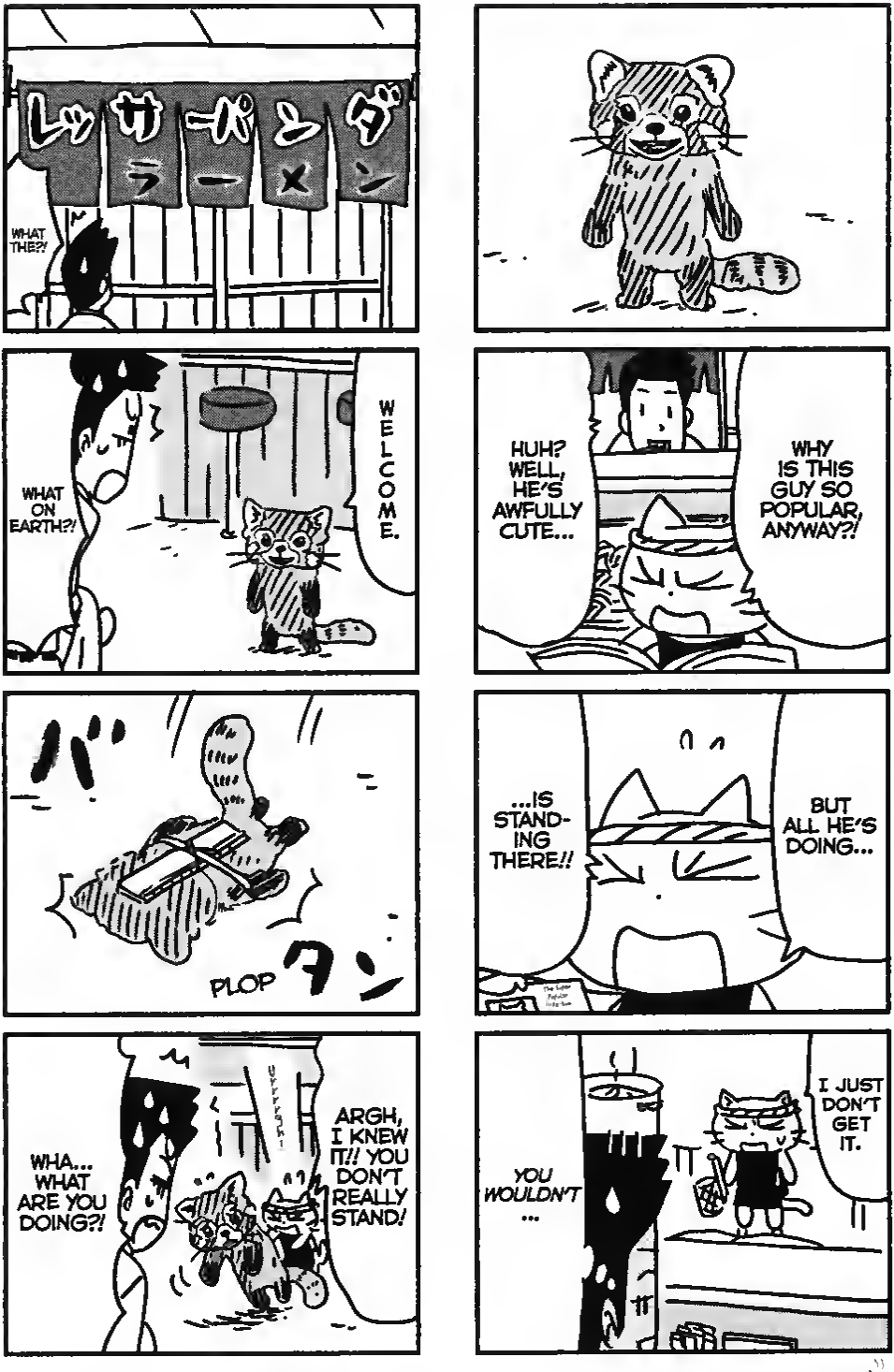

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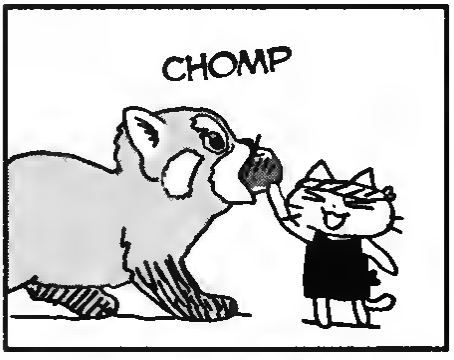

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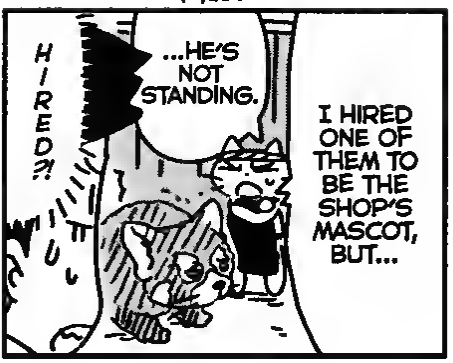

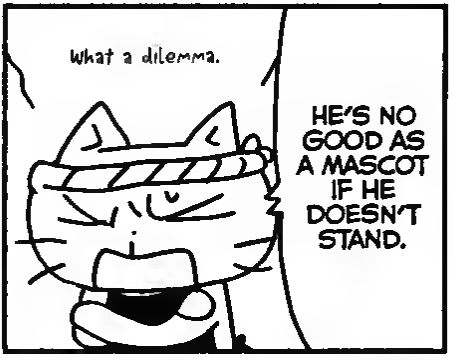

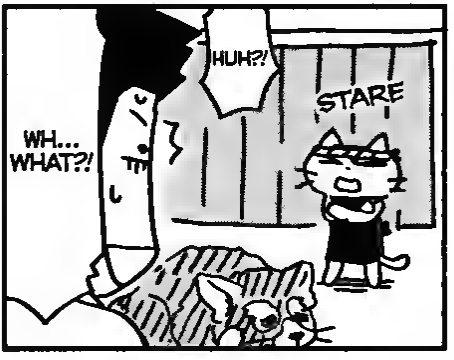

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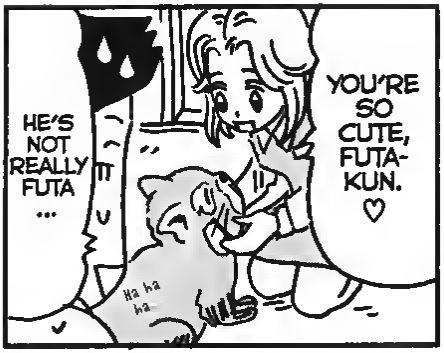

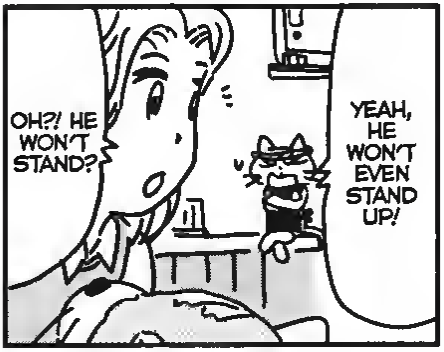

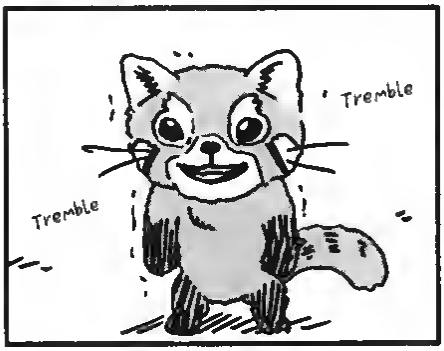

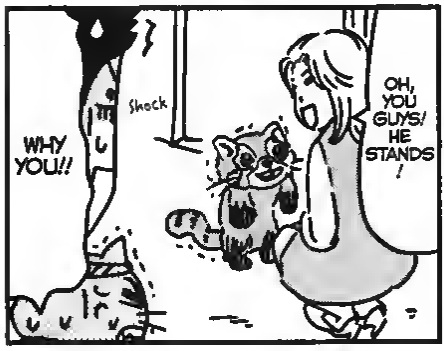

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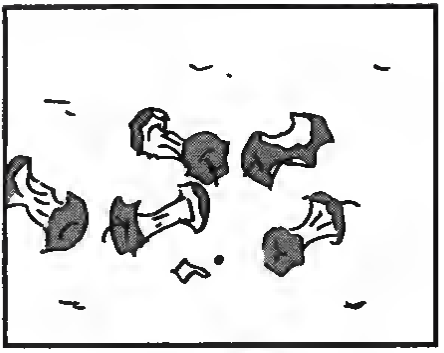

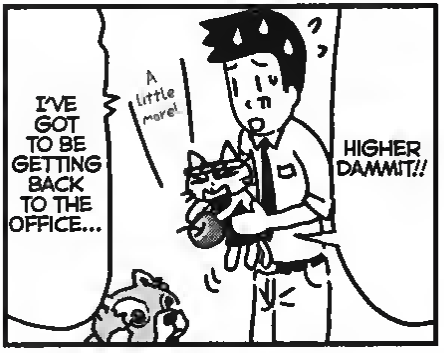

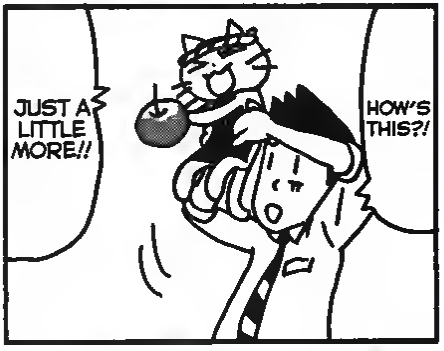

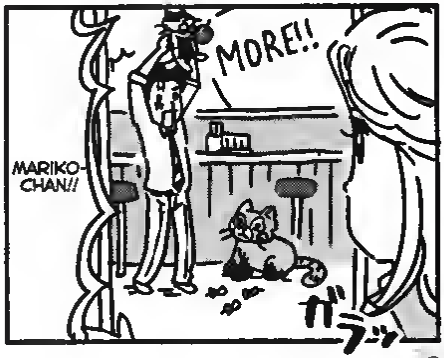

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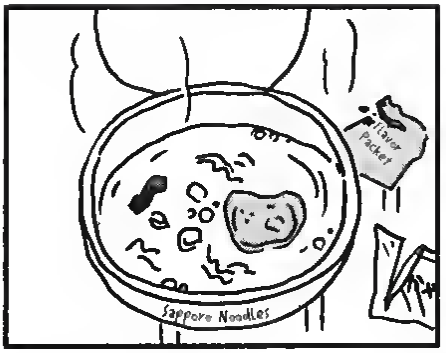

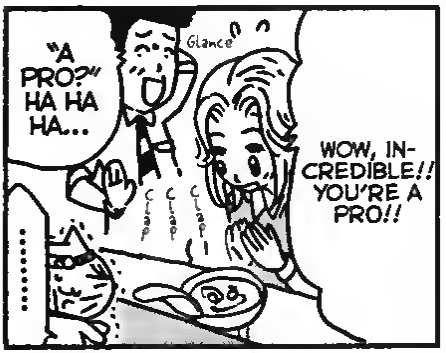

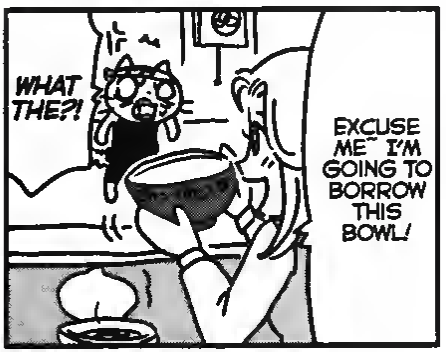

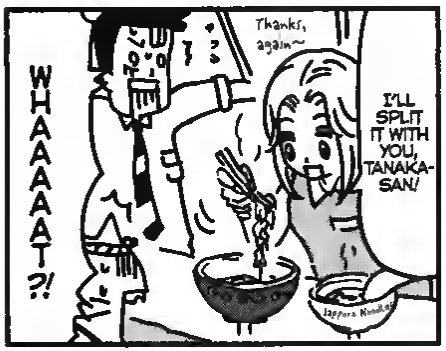

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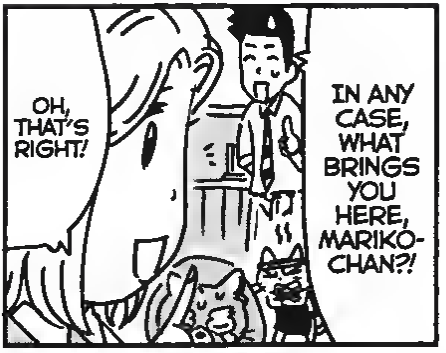

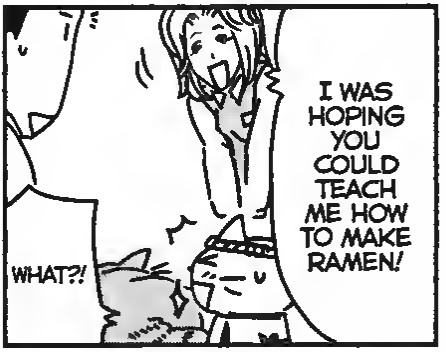

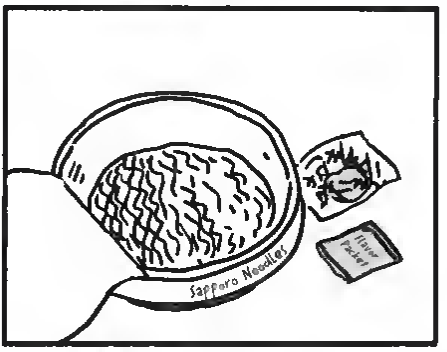

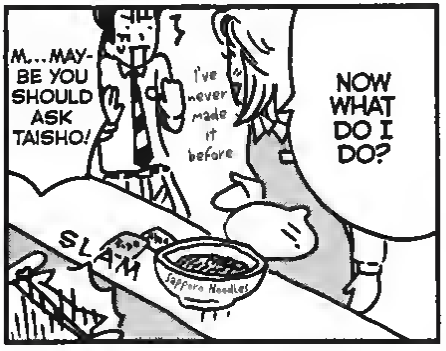

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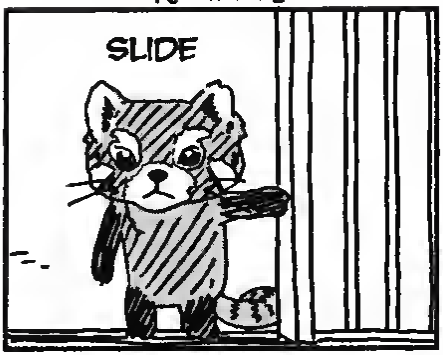

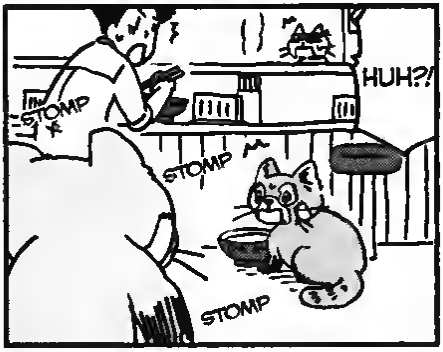

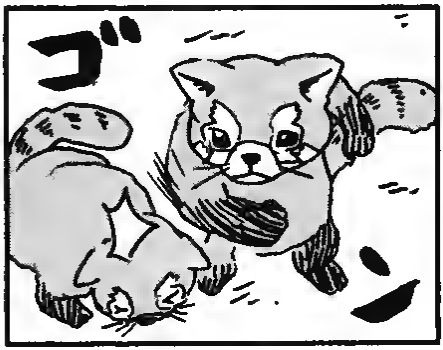

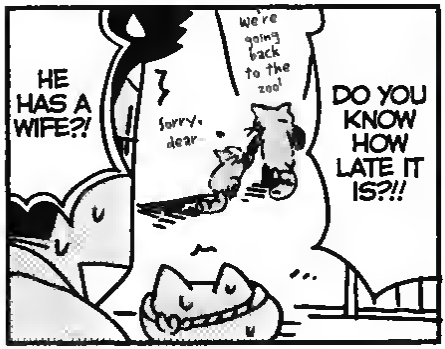

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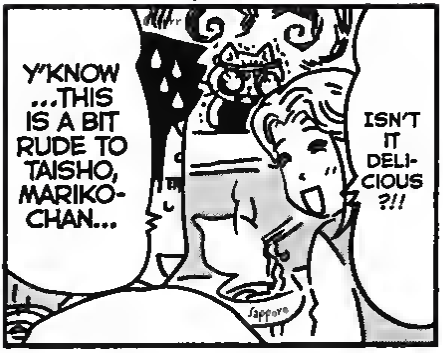

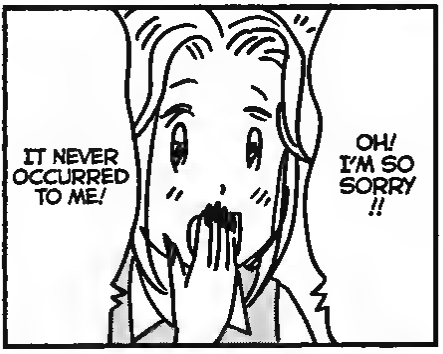

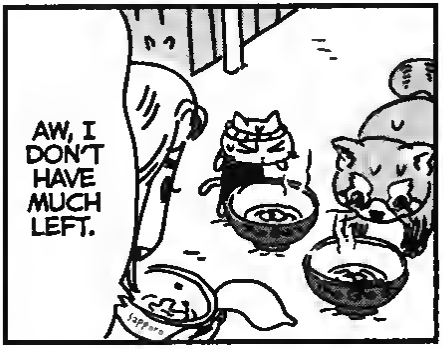

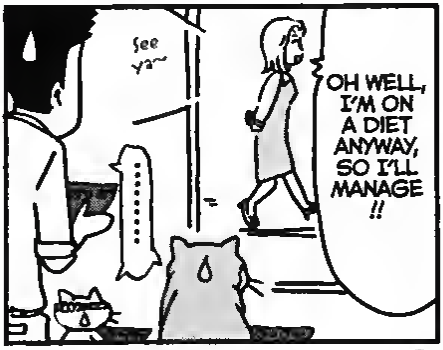

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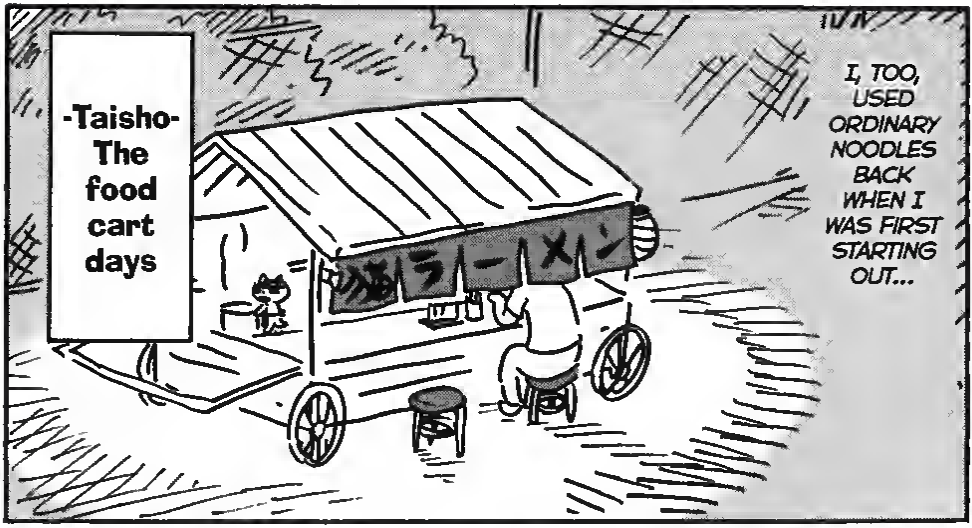
Short Comic Special

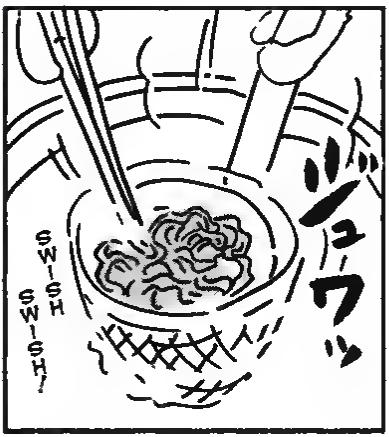
元祖猫麺

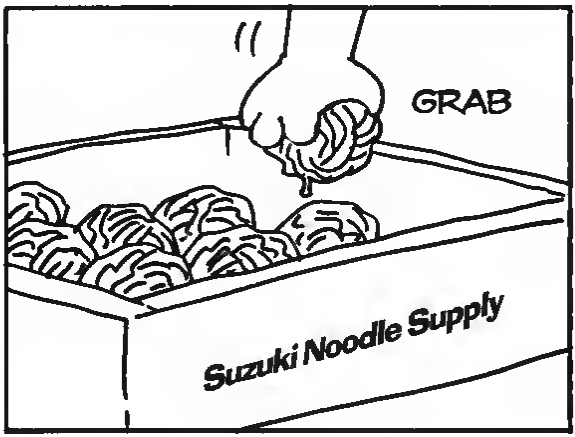
The Secret of Neko Noodles

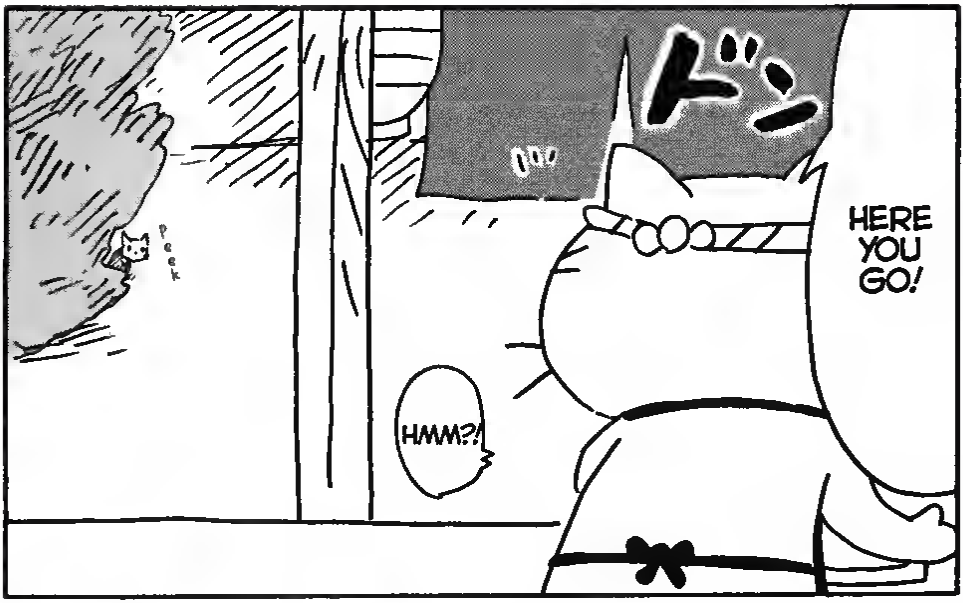
ジュワッ
...IS A STORY ABOUT THE BIRTH OF "THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES."
THIS ...
元祖・猫麺
SIGN. THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES
HEY, TAISHO!
Shake
Shake
DO YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU SOME-THING?!
Tanaka-san
元祖・猫麺
Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-
GO HEAD!
WHO'S SUZUKI?!
THEY'RE SOMETHING THAT SUZUKI AND I CREATED!
THESE?
WHAT ARE "THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES"?
元祖・猫麺

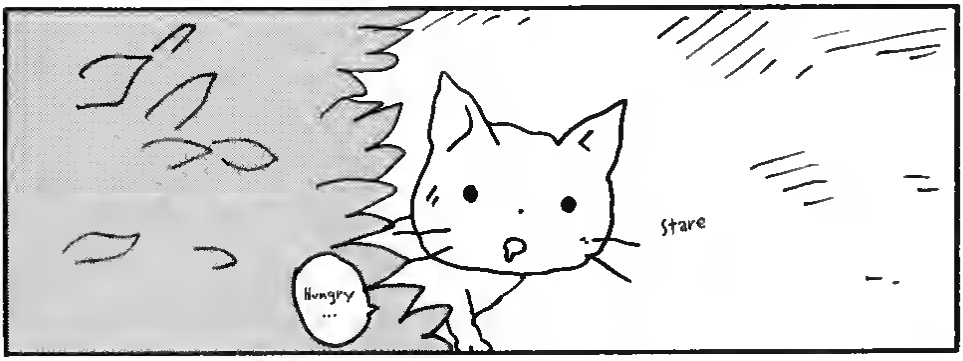

-Taisho-
The food cart days
I, TOO, USED ORDINARY NOODLES BACK WHEN I WAS FIRST STARTING OUT...

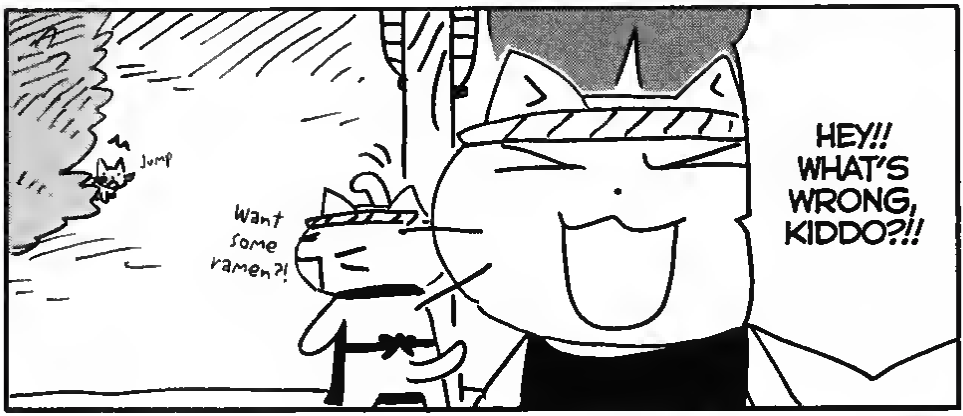
COMING RIGHT UP!
ONE MISO RAMEN!

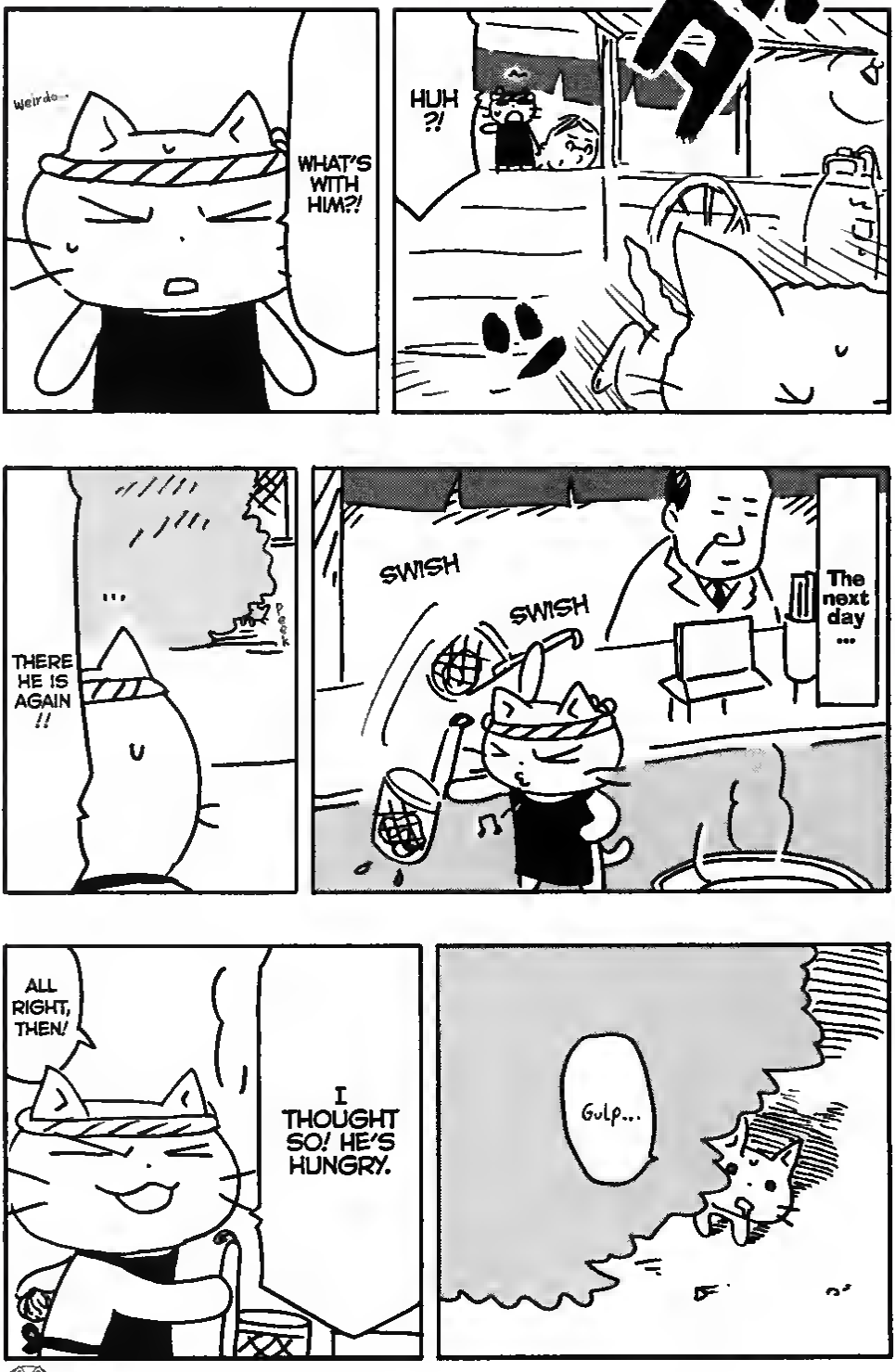

SWISH SWISH!

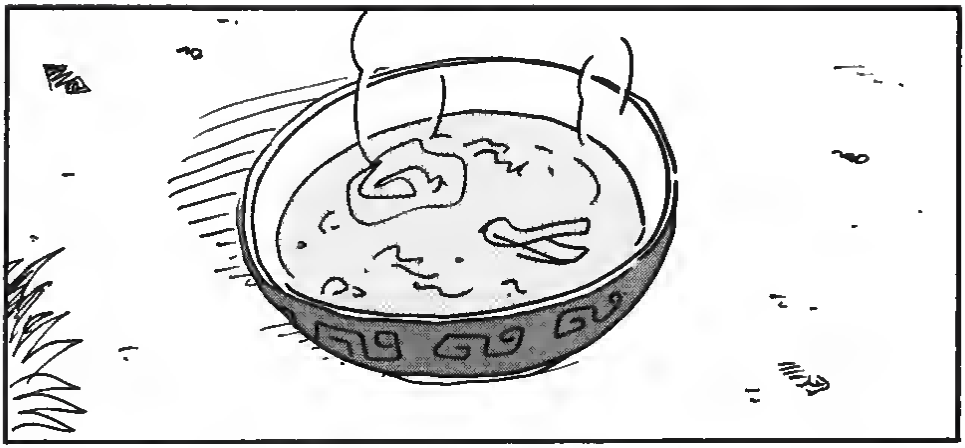

GRAB
Suzuki Noodle Supply

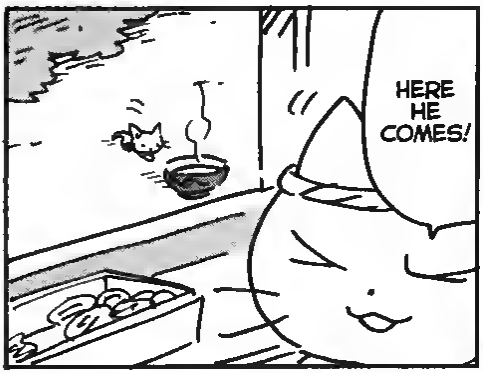

peek
HMM?!
HERE YOU GO!

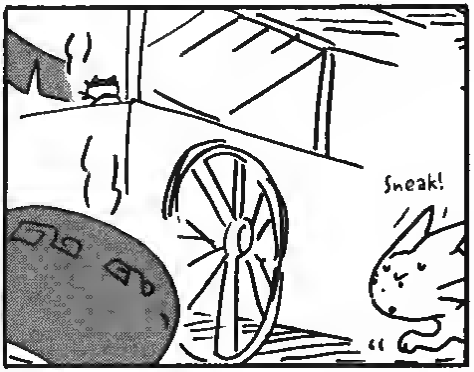

stare
Hungry ...


Jump
Want some ramen?!
HEY!! WHAT'S WRONG, KIDDO?!!


Weirdo...
WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
HUH ?!
THERE HE IS AGAIN !!
...
Peek
SWISH
SWISH
The next day ...
ALL RIGHT, THEN!
I THOUGHT SO! HE'S HUNGRY.
Gulp...

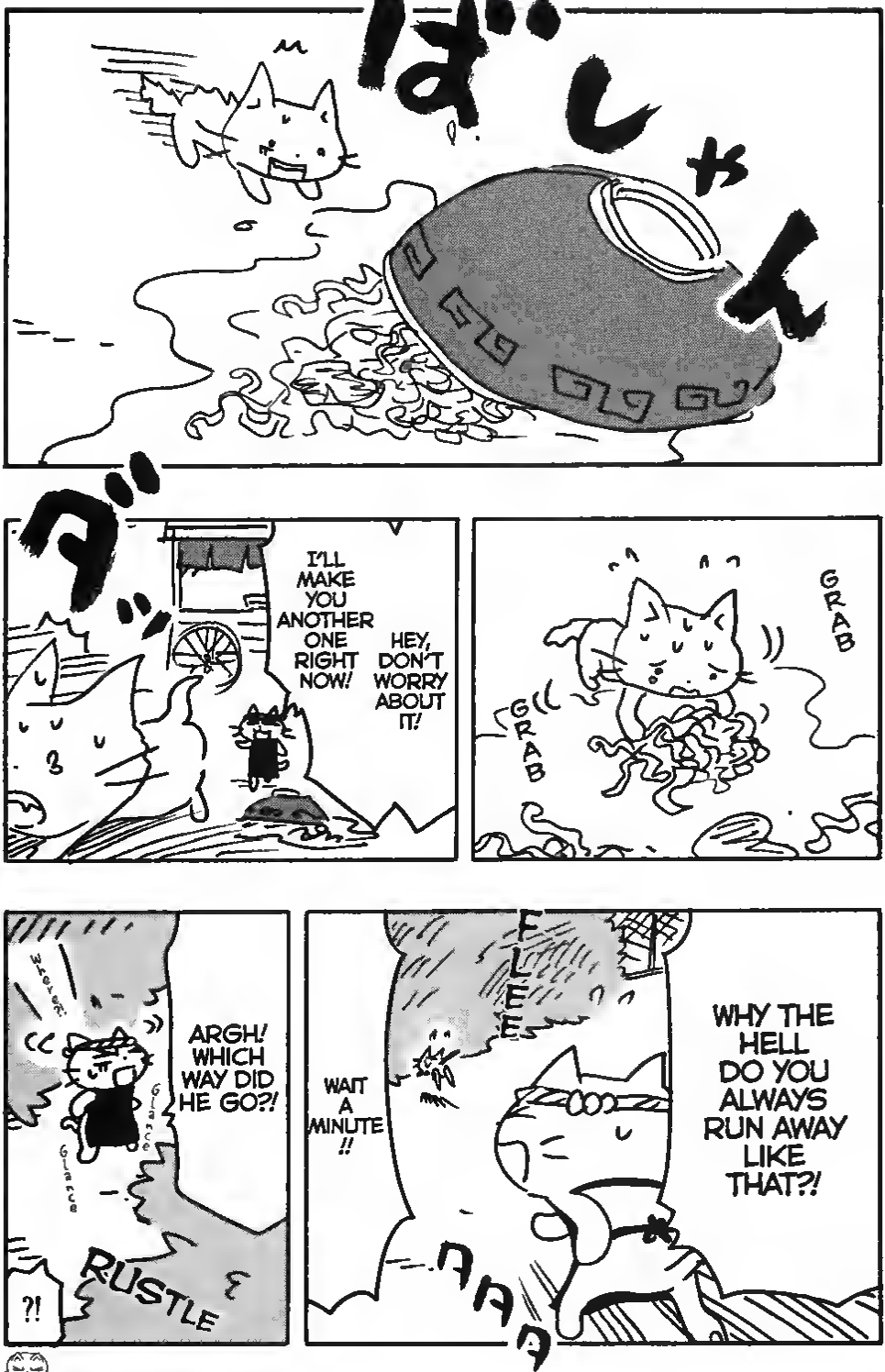


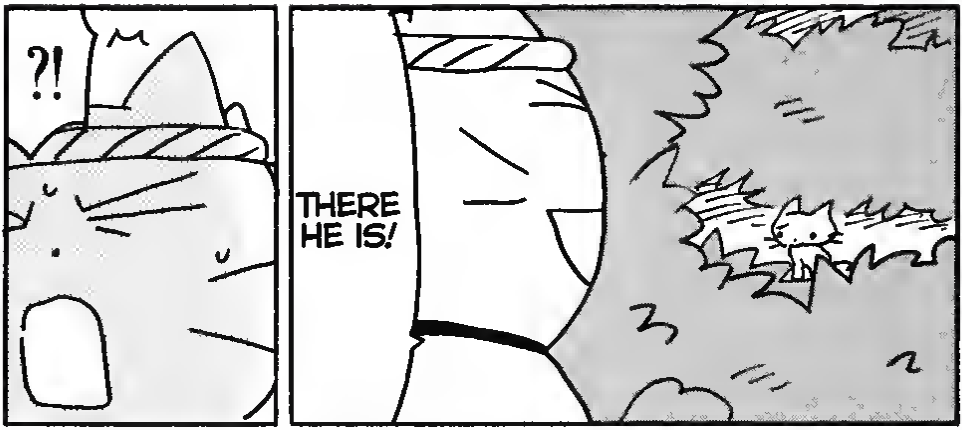

HERE HE COMES!

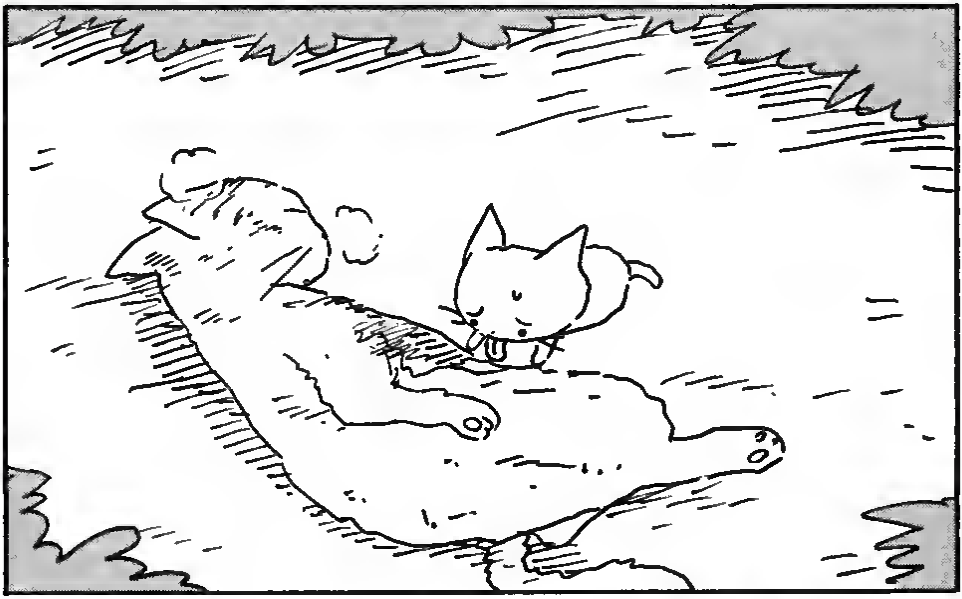

Sneak!

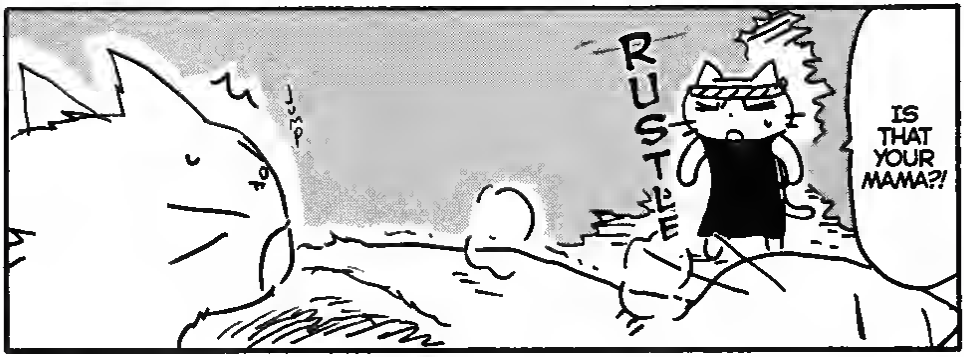
ビク
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! YOU CAN EAT IT HERE!!

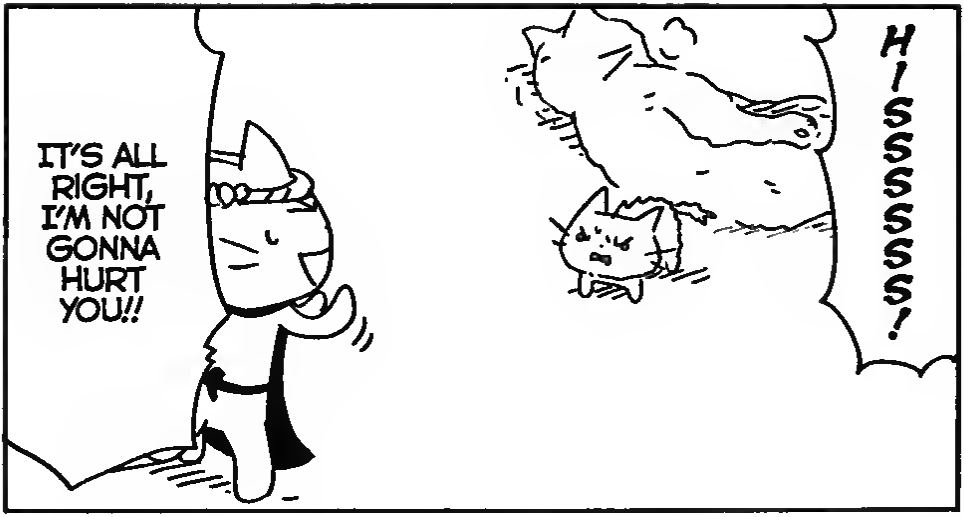
DRAG
DRAG

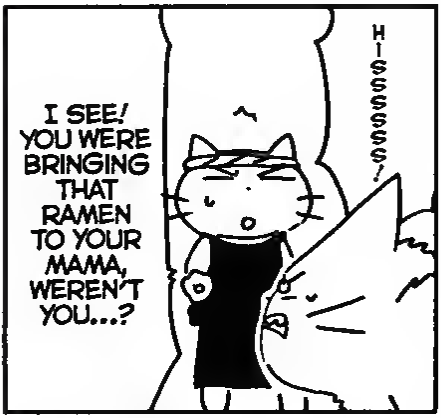

ばしゃん
ダッ
I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER ONE RIGHT NOW!
HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
ARGH! WHICH WAY DID HE GO?!
RUSTLE
?!
WAIT A MINUTE !!
FLEE
WHY THE HELL DO YOU ALWAYS RUN AWAY LIKE THAT?!

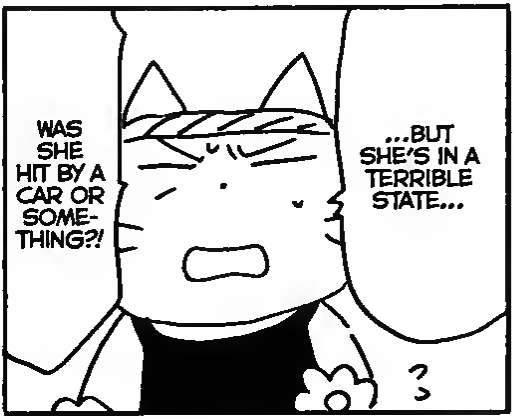

?!
THERE HE IS!




RUSTLE
IS THAT YOUR MAMA?!

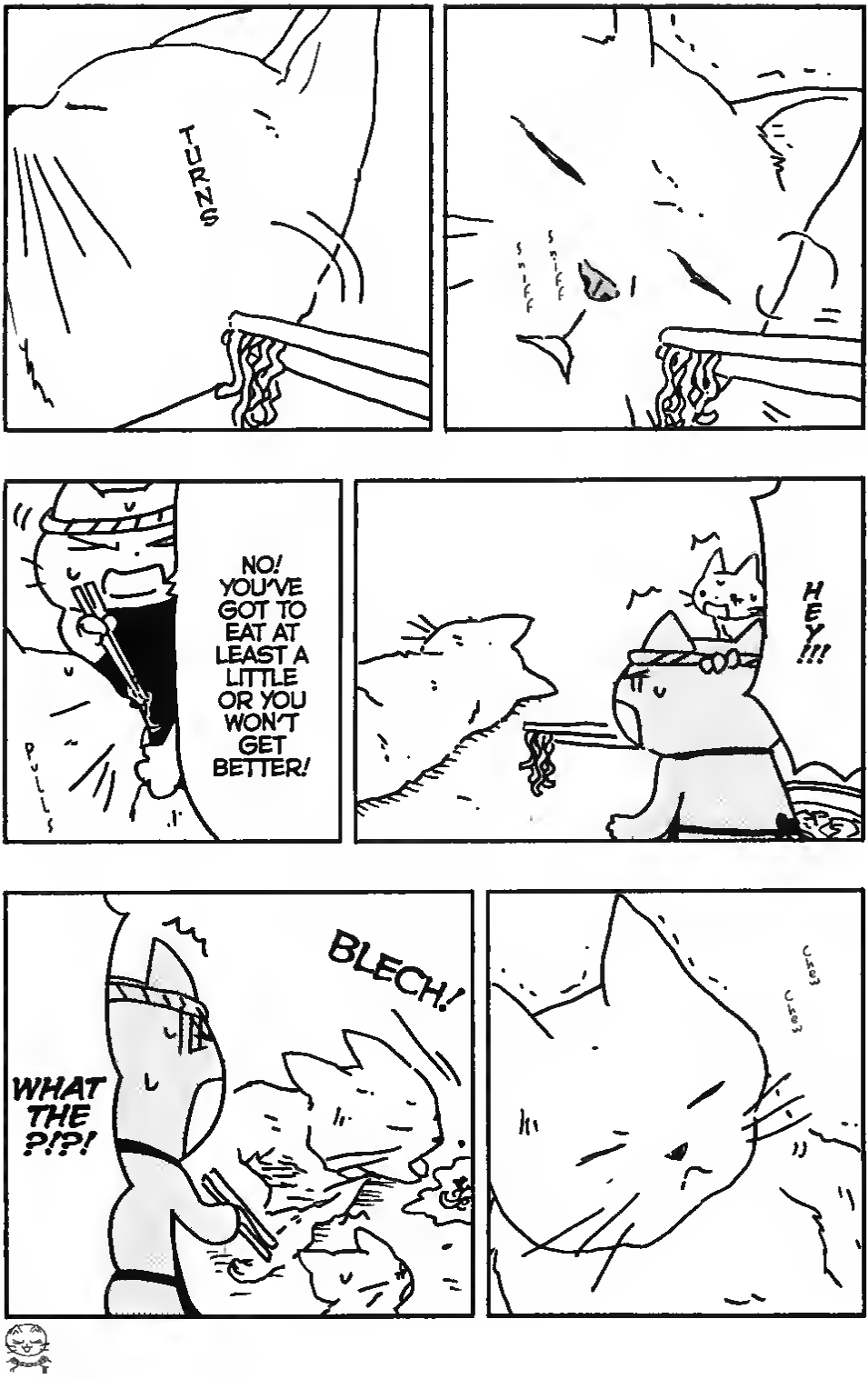

IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU!!
HISSSSSS!

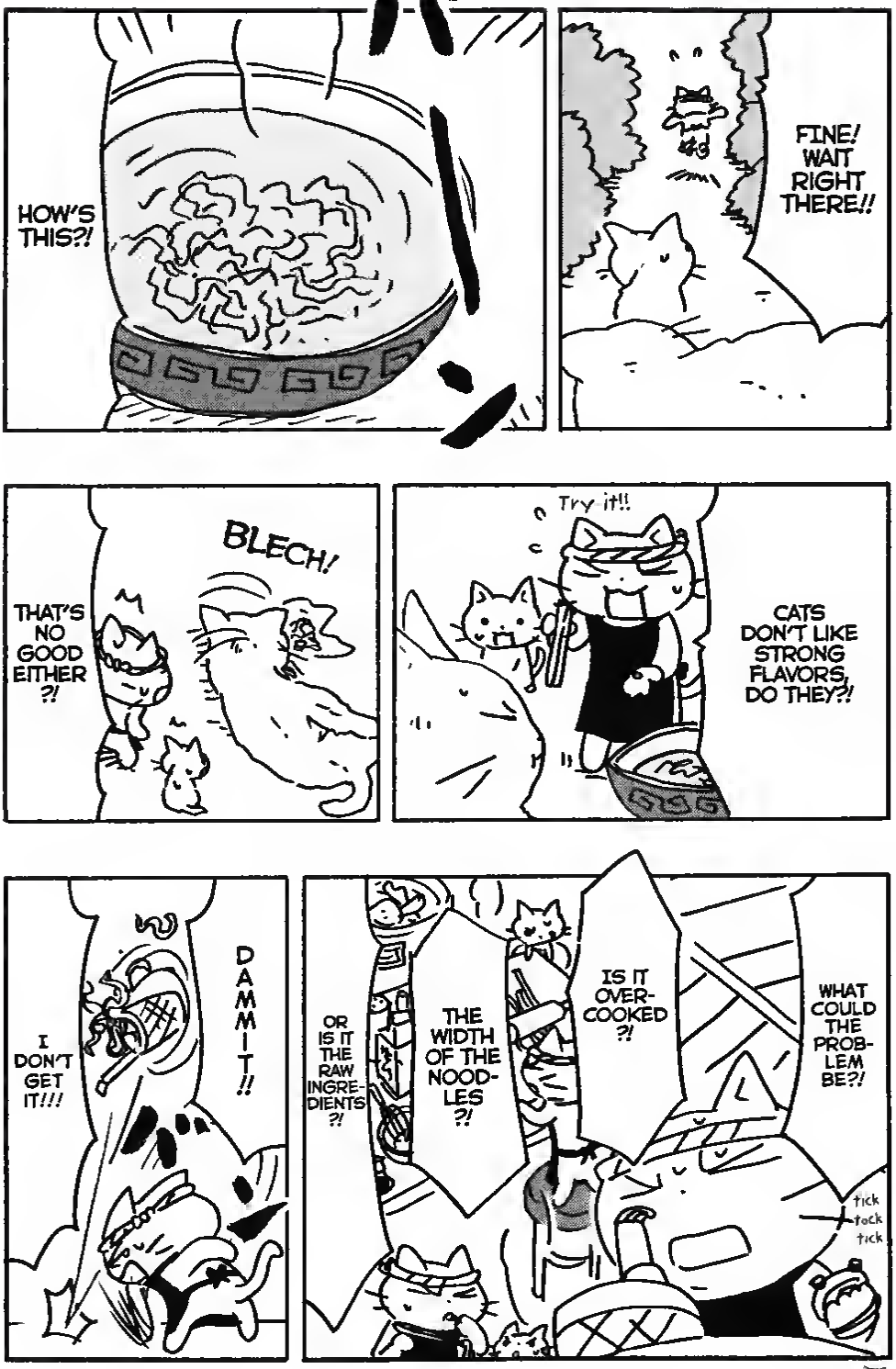

I SEE! YOU WERE BRINGING THAT RAMEN TO YOUR MAMA, WEREN'T YOU...?
HISSSSSS!

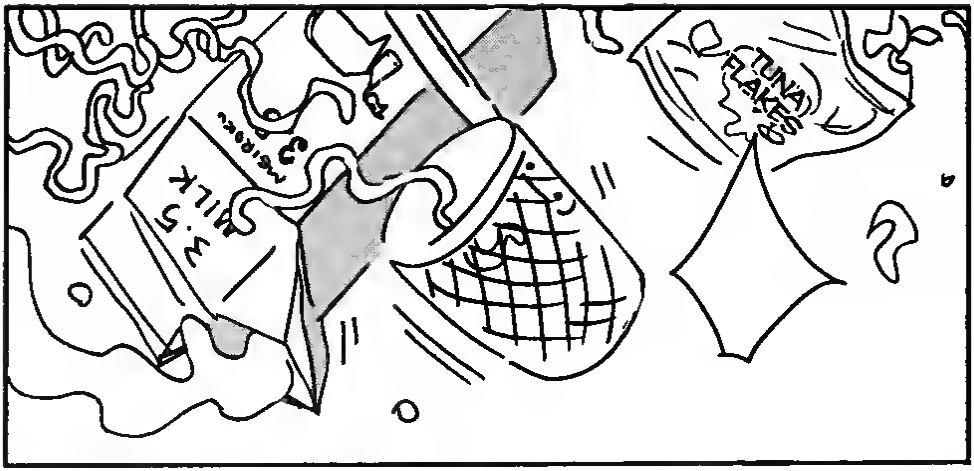

WAS SHE HIT BY A CAR OR SOME-THING?!
...BUT SHE'S IN A TERRIBLE STATE...

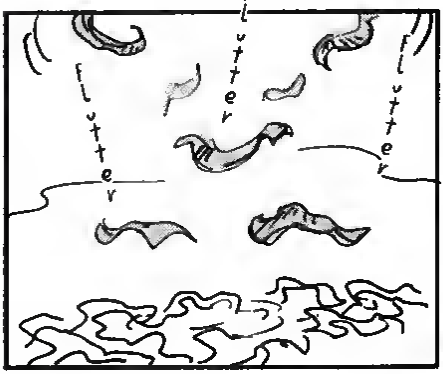
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!!
ALL RIGHTY THEN! YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE, YOU HEAR?!!

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
TA-DAAAH!
?!
RAMEN DELIVERY FOR ONE!!
PLOP
ALL RIGHT! GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!!


TURNS
SNIFF
NO! YOU'VE GOT TO EAT AT LEAST A LITTLE OR YOU WON'T GET BETTER!
HEY!!!
BLECH!
WHAT THE ?!?!


HOW'S THIS?!
FINE! WAIT RIGHT THERE!!
BLECH!
THAT'S NO GOOD EITHER ?!
Try it!!
CATS DON'T LIKE STRONG FLAVORS, DO THEY?!
I DON'T GET IT!!!
DAMMIT!!
OR IS IT THE RAW INGRE-DIENTS ?!
THE WIDTH OF THE NOOD-LES ?!
IS IT OVER-COOKED ?!
WHAT COULD THE PROB-LEM BE?!
tick tock tick


3.5
MILK
TUNA FLAKES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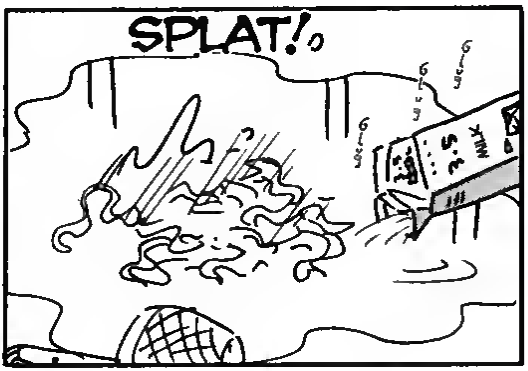
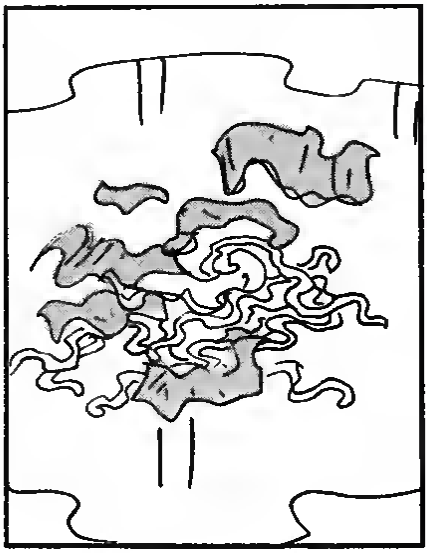

SPLAT!
MILK

THAT'S IT!!



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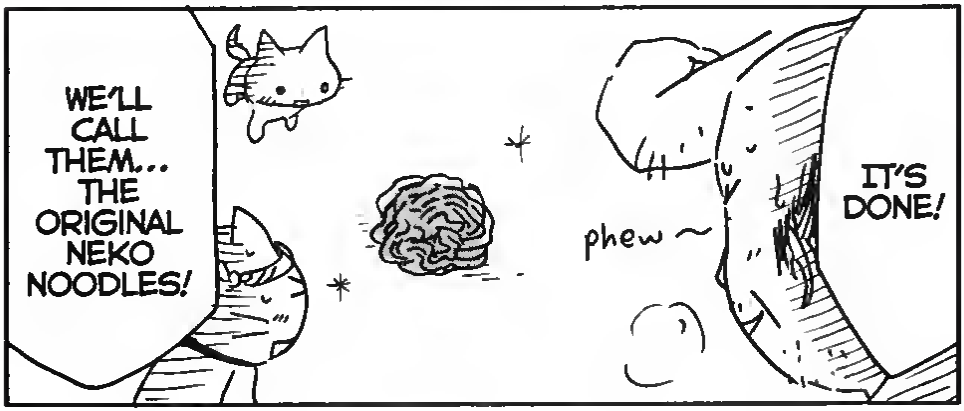
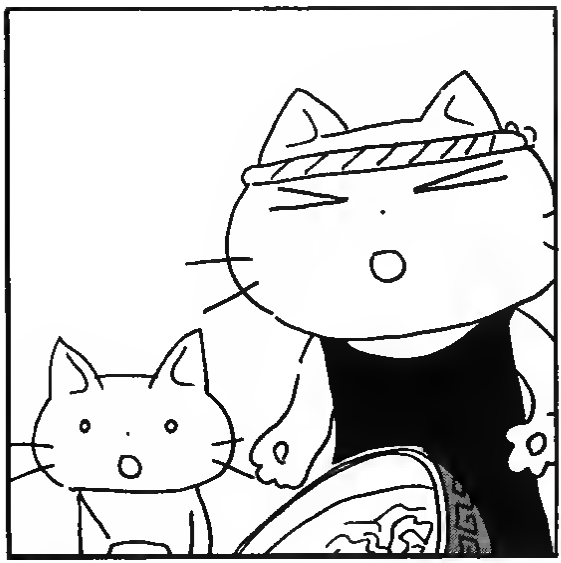
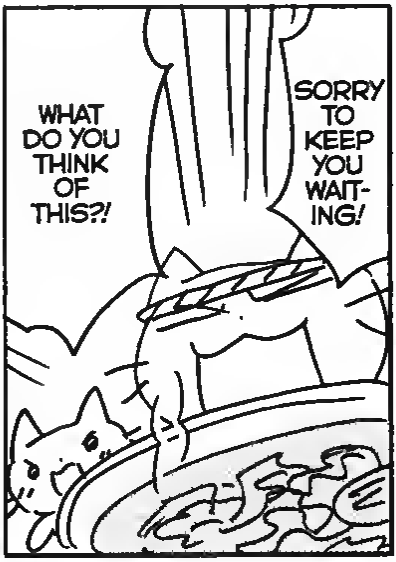
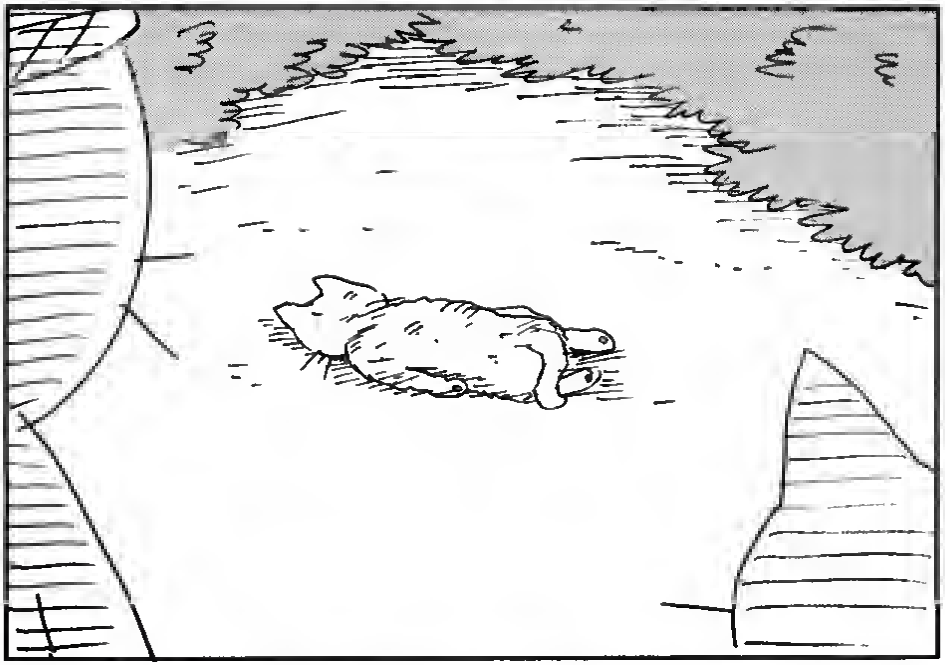
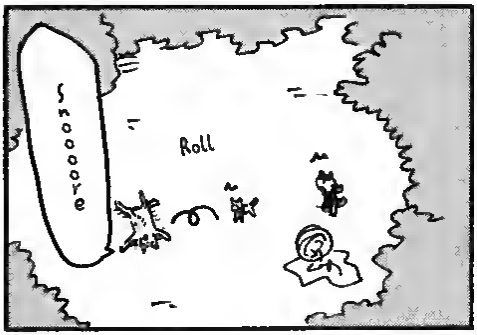
WHAD-DAYA WANT? IT'S LATE, YOU KNOW ...
Suzuki Ramen Supply
BANG
BANG
HEY MISTER! PLEASE!!
OPEN THE DOOR!!
TAISHO?!
SORRY, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO MAKE RIGHT AWAY!!
ALL RIGHT, UNDER-STOOD! I'LL TRY IT...
WHAT?! YOU WANT MILK AND TUNA FLAKES MIXED IN WITH THE DOUGH?!
3.6
Milk
Tuna Flakes

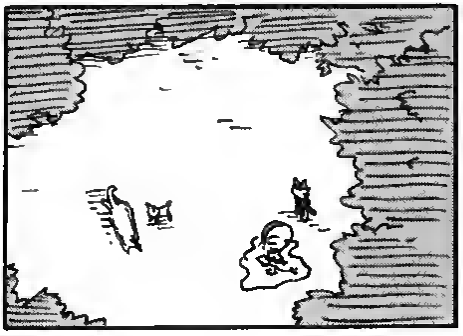

WE'LL CALL THEM... THE ORIGINAL NEKO NOODLES!
phew ~
IT'S DONE!

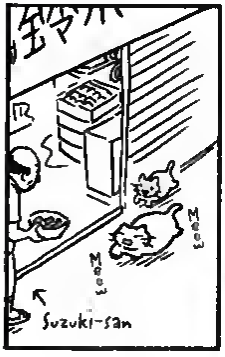



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING!

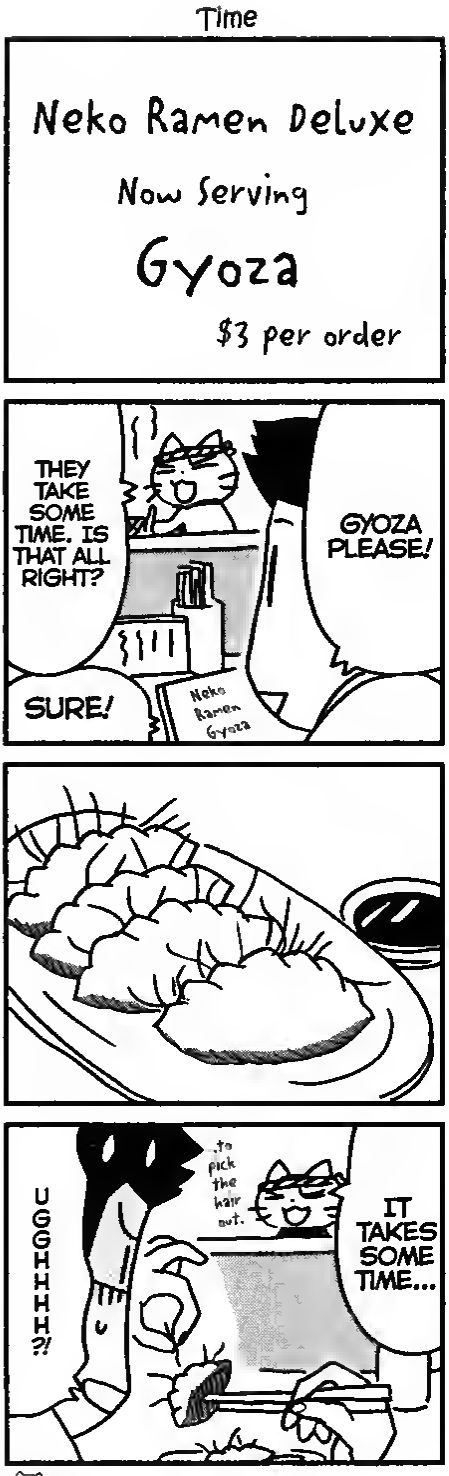



Nroooooe
Roll




Meow
Meow
Suzuki-san

So that's why the noodles taste odd—
IS...IS THAT SO...?
AFTER THAT, SHE ATE THE NEKO NOODLES WITH GUSTO AND RECOVERED!



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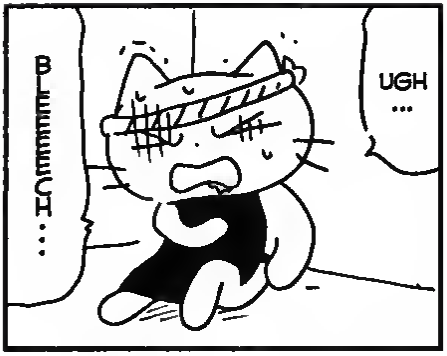
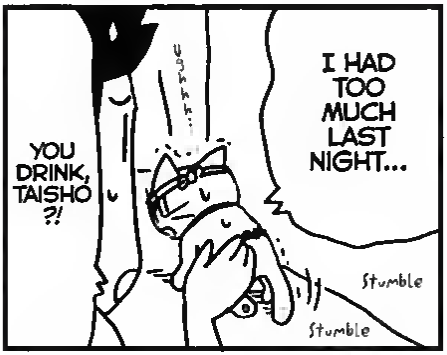
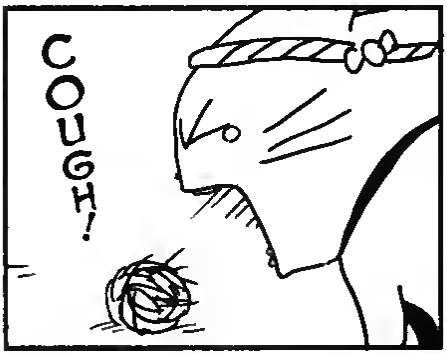
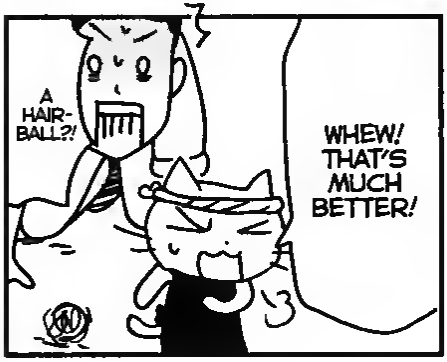
Chapter 9

Overdid It









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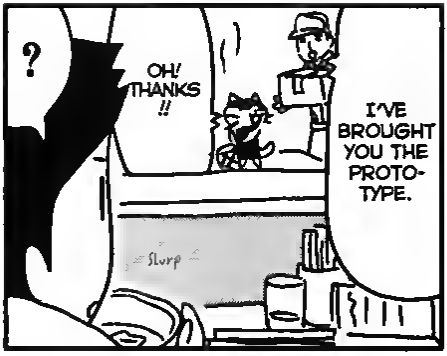
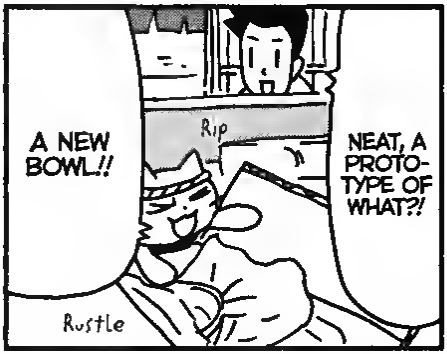
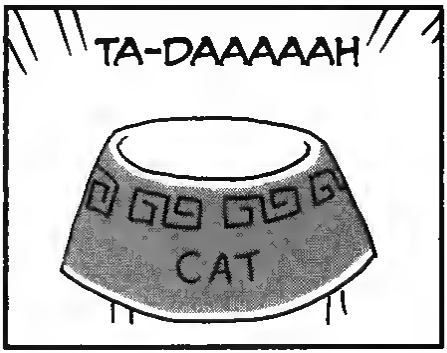
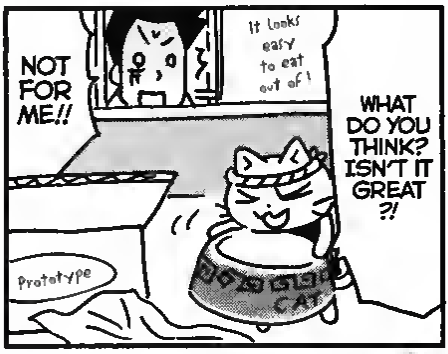


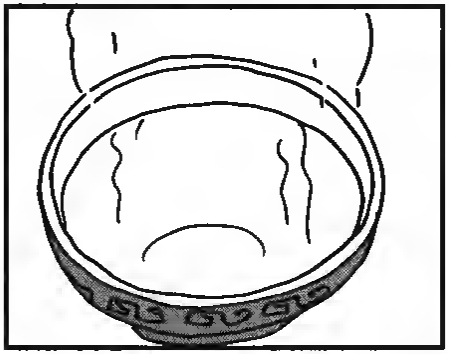


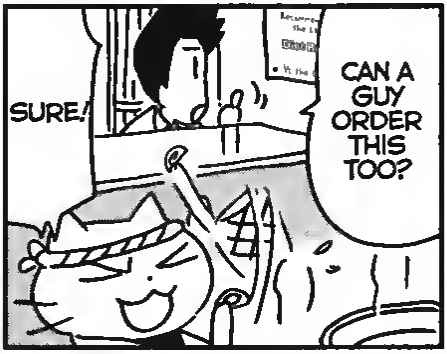




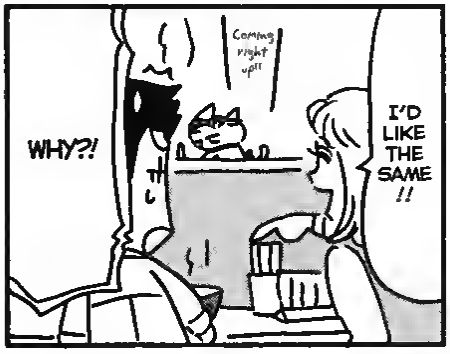
It's finally here!!
Zero Calories
Ramen

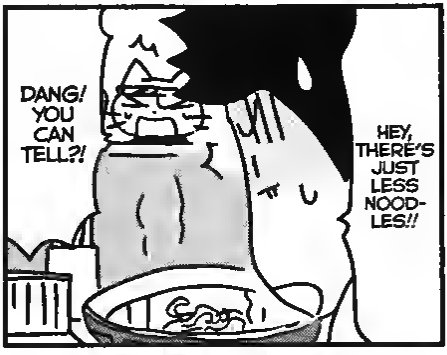
Recommended for the Ladies!!
Diet Ramen
½ the Calories!!




SURE!
CAN A GUY ORDER THIS TOO?

Just hot water
ARE YOU SERI-OUS ...


Coming right up!!
WHY?!
I'D LIKE THE SAME !!


DANG! YOU CAN TELL?!
HEY, THERE'S JUST LESS NOOD-LES!!

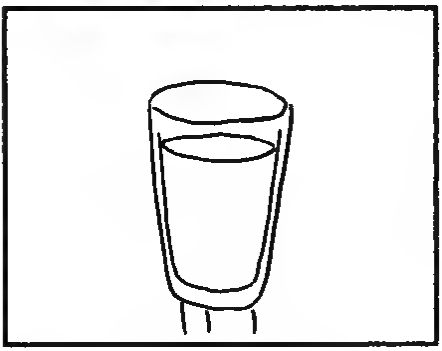
Part-Time Pay

Urgently Recruiting
Part-Time Employees
Hourly Wage Negotiable

HOW MUCH ARE YOU PAYING PER HOUR?

Urgently Recruiting!

KNOW ANY GOOD KIDS?



NO ONE'S GONNA WORK FOR MILK!

Whoops, maybe that's a bit too much..

Milk

3.5

ABOUT THIS MUCH, I THINK ...

What's That?

WHAT ARE YOU GROWING THERE, TAISHO?!

Trickle

HMM, I DON'T REALLY KNOW ITS NAME.

THIS?

YOU DON'T KNOW?!

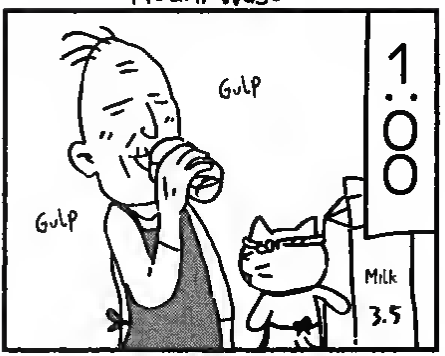
Several days later...

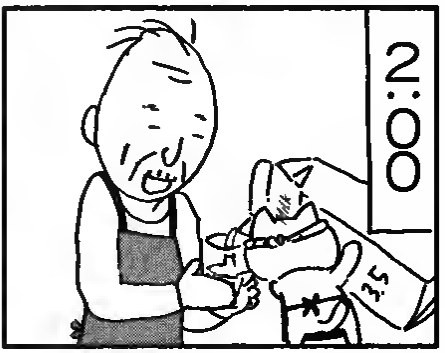
OH! IT'S SPROUTING! LET'S SEE, IT'S...

MUNCH MUNCH

CAT GRASS !!

Hourly Wage





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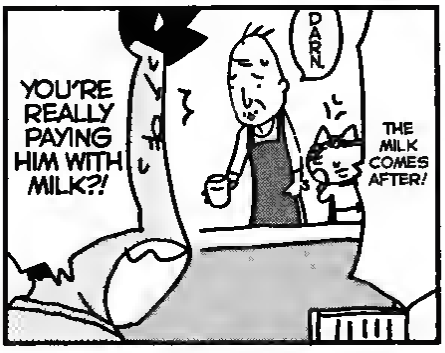

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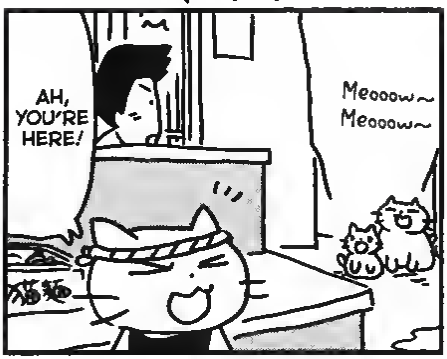

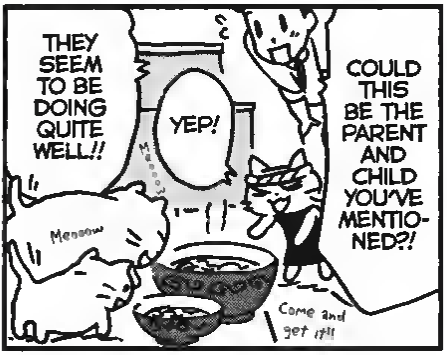

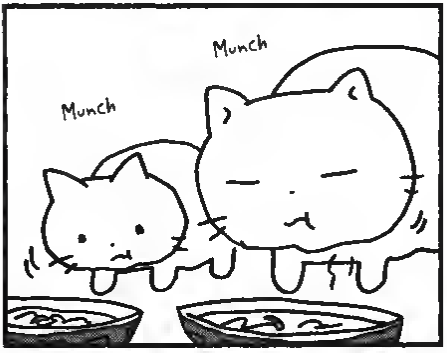

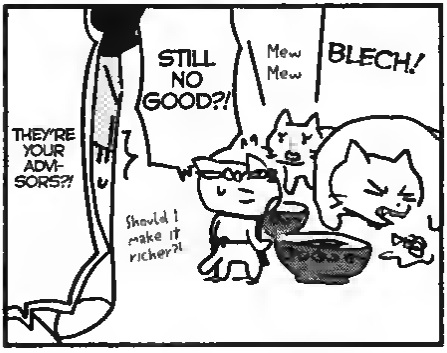

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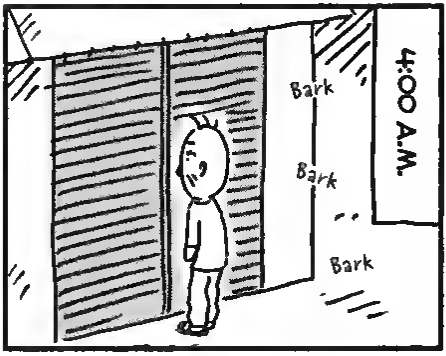
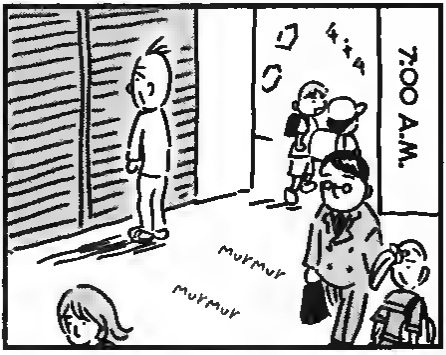
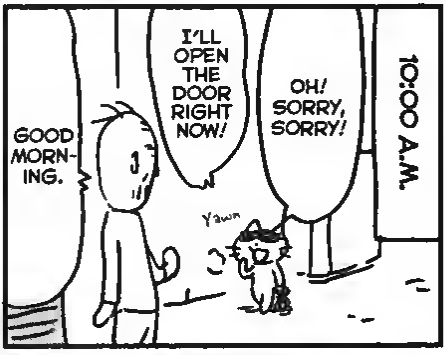
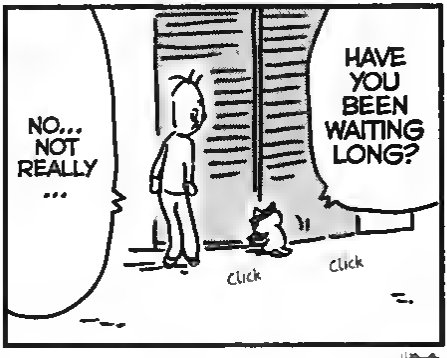
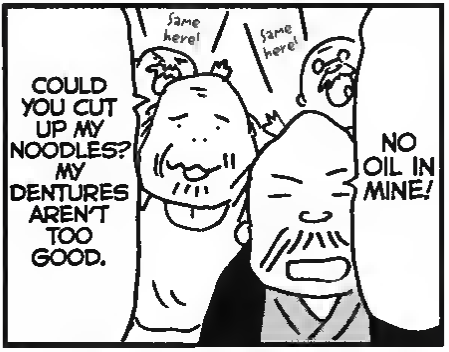








Senior Center



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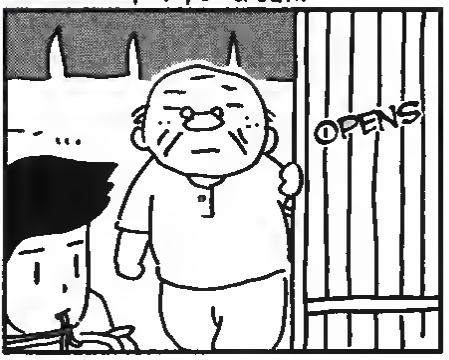
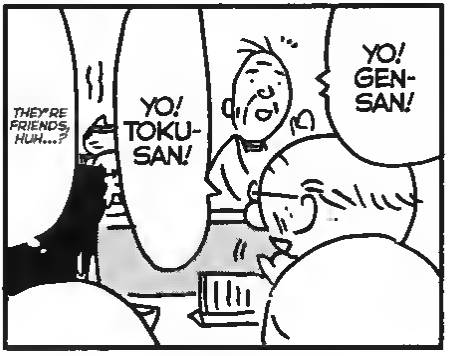
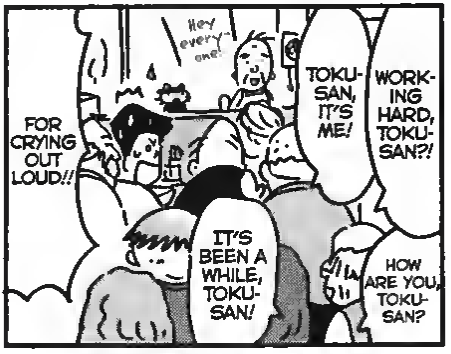
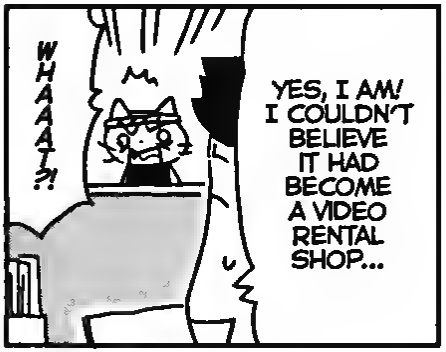
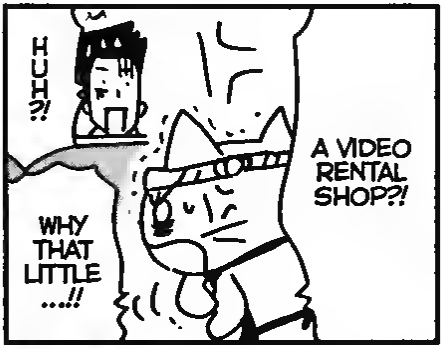


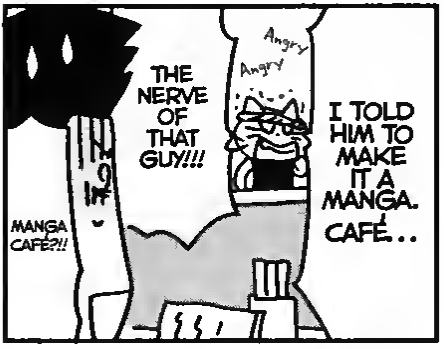




A Surprise







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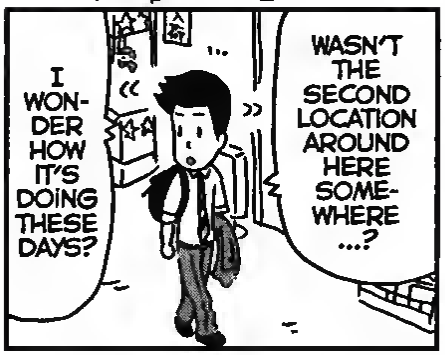
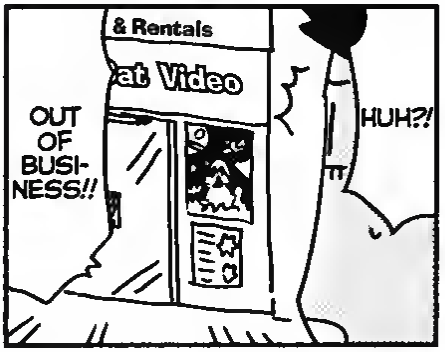
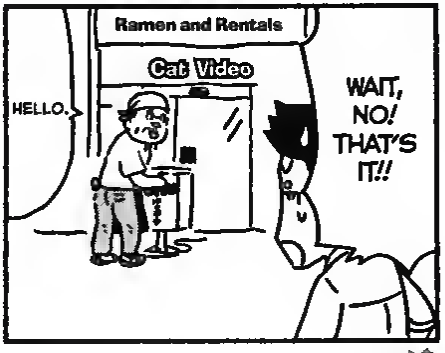
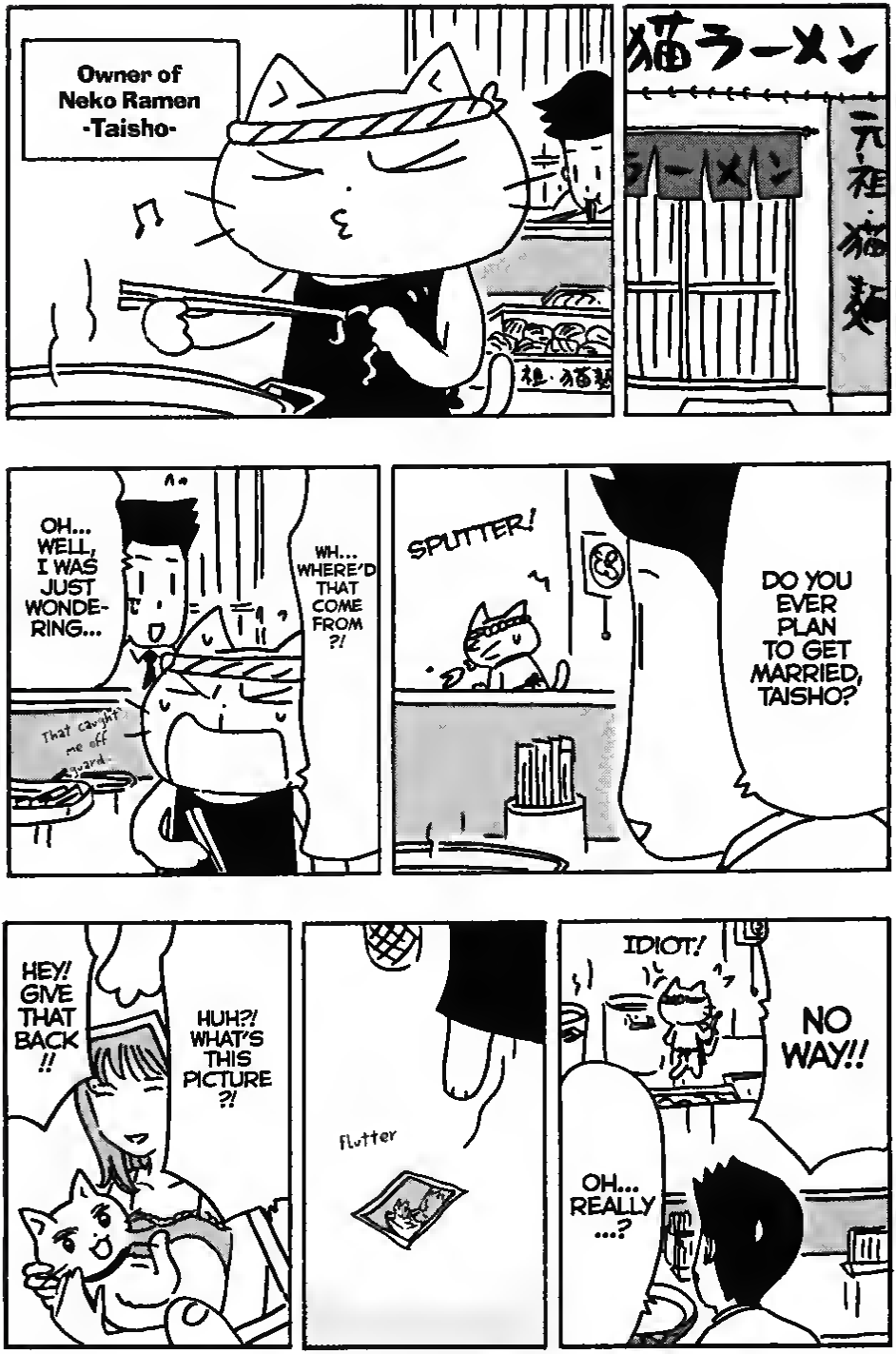


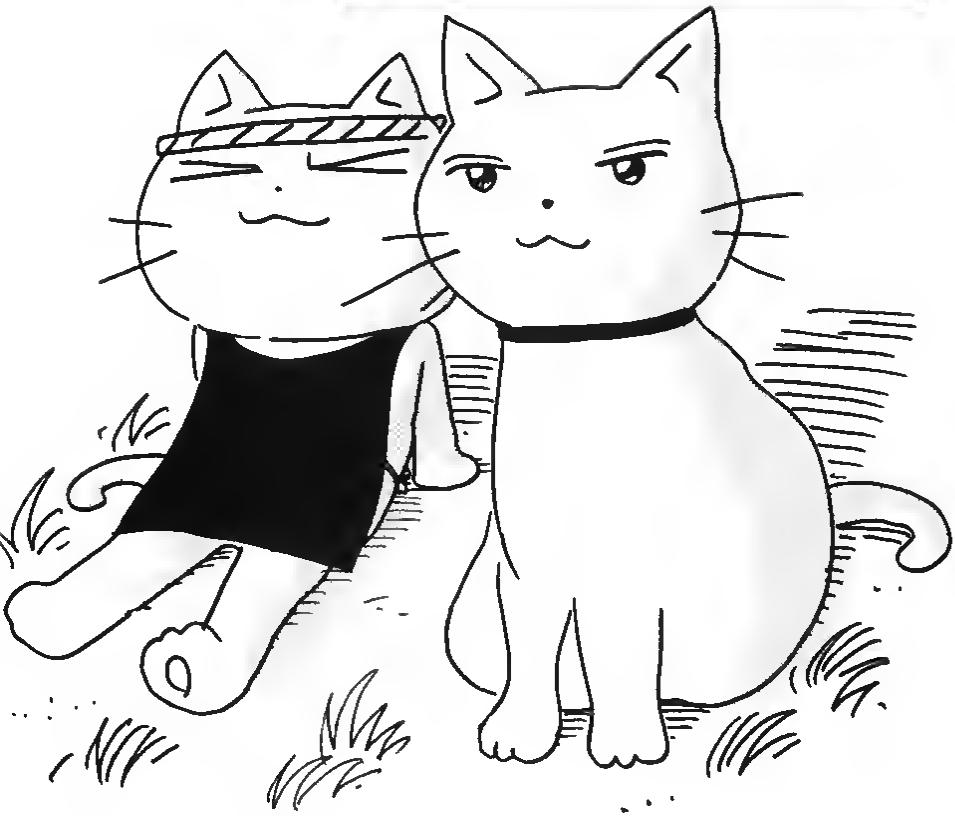




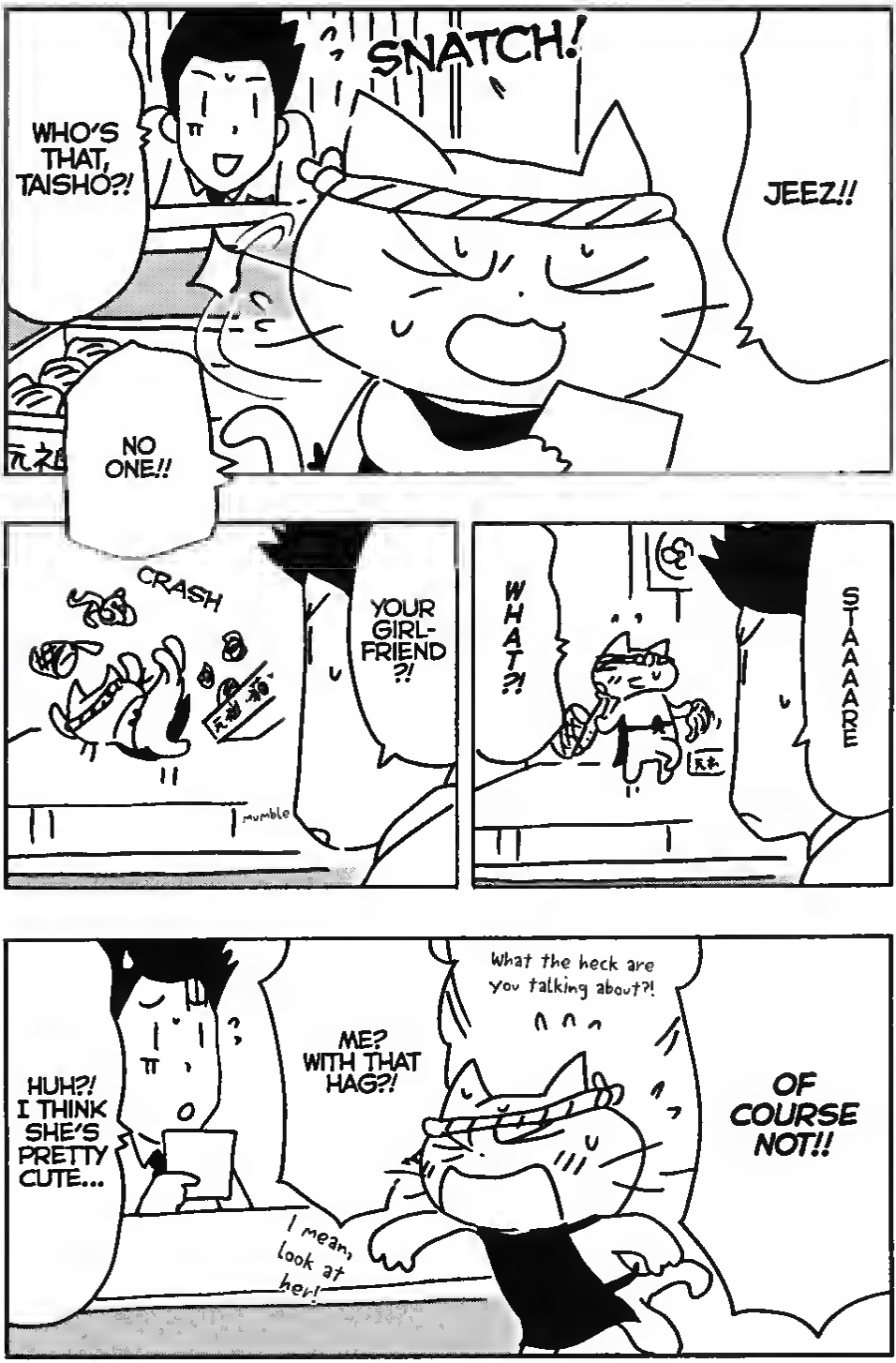

Owner of
Neko Ramen
-Taisho-
猫ラーメン
元祖猫麺
OH... WELL, I WAS JUST WONDE-RING...
That caught me off guard.
WH... WHERE'D THAT COME FROM ?!
SPUTTER!
DO YOU EVER PLAN TO GET MARRIED, TAISHO?
HEY! GIVE THAT BACK !!
HUH?! WHAT'S THIS PICTURE ?!
Flutter
IDIOT!
NO WAY!!
OH... REALLY ...?

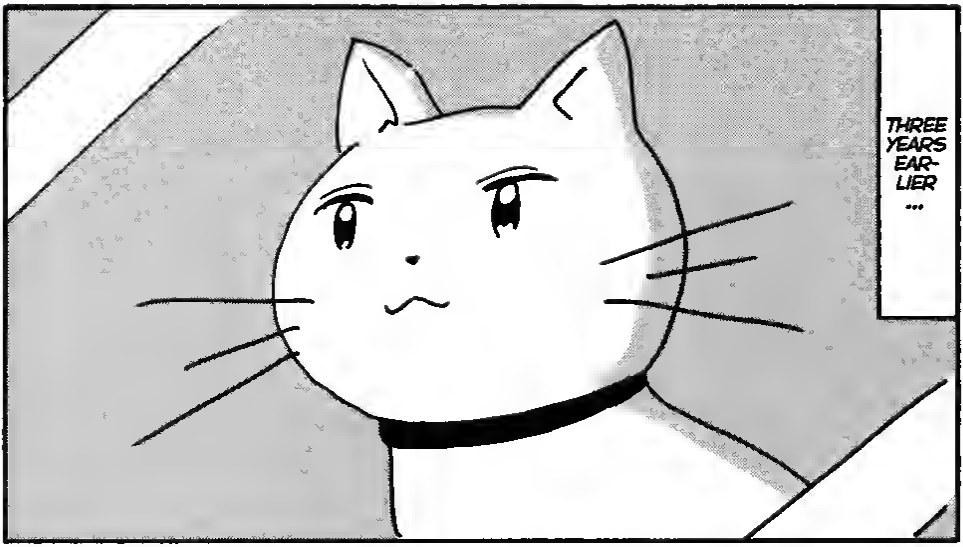
猫ラーメン

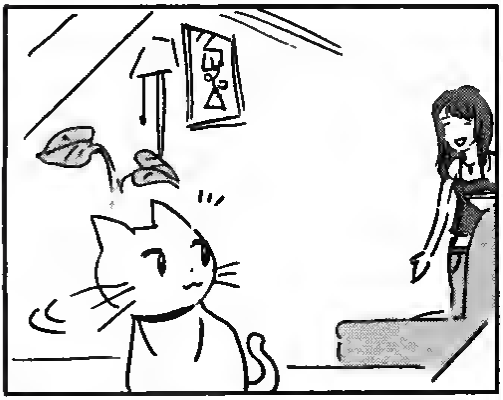
Short Comic Special

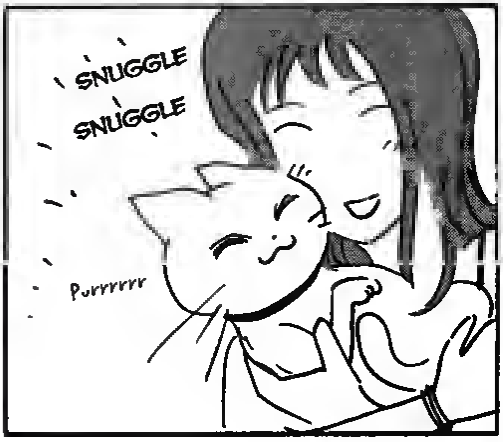


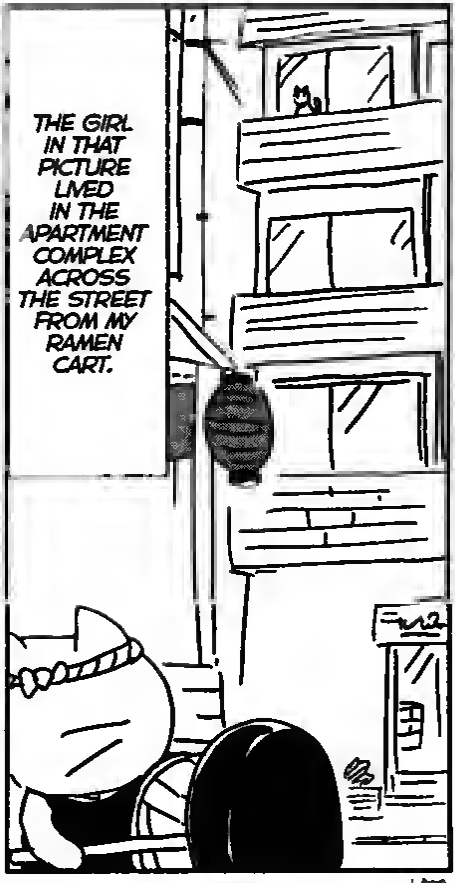
Taisho's Love


SNATCH!
WHO'S THAT, TAISHO?!
JEEZ!!
NO ONE!!
CRASH
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND ?!
mumble
WHAT?!
STAAAARE
HUH?! I THINK SHE'S PRETTY CUTE...
ME? WITH THAT HAG?!
What the heck are you talking about?!
I mean, look at her!
OF COURSE NOT!!


THREE YEARS EARLIER ...



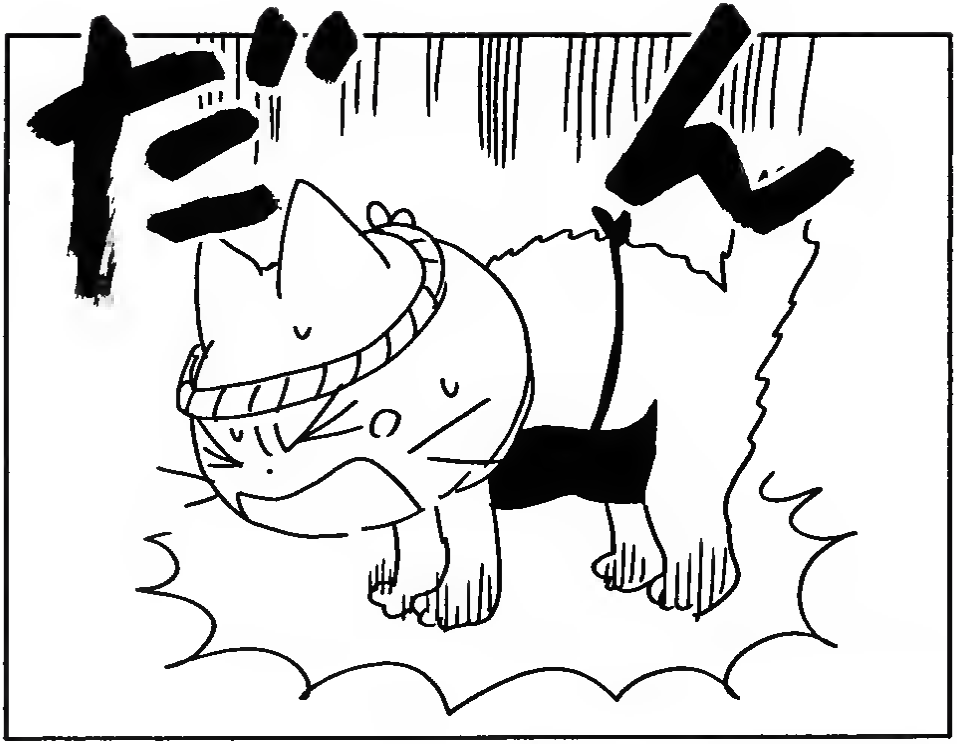

SNUGGLE
SNUGGLE
Purrrrrr


THE GIRL IN THAT PICTURE LIVED IN THE APARTMENT COMPLEX ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY RAMEN CART.

!
BLUUUUUUSH
Spit
Spit
ENERGIZE
GRAB

?!
Wobble
Wobble
Wobble
VICTORY!
.....
?
?

AAAAH!
UA
AH
AH
AH!
AHH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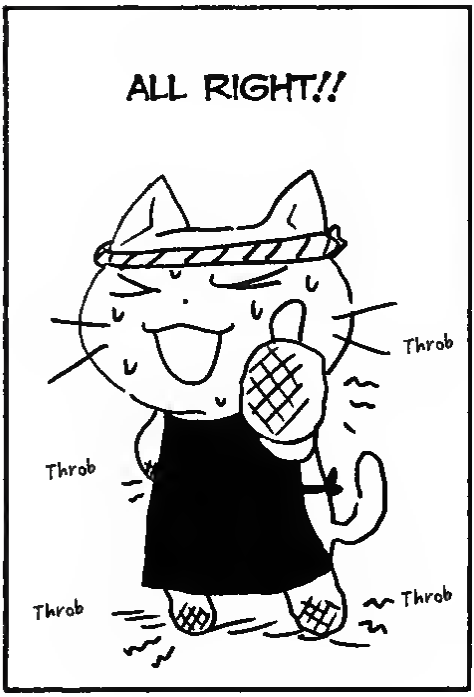
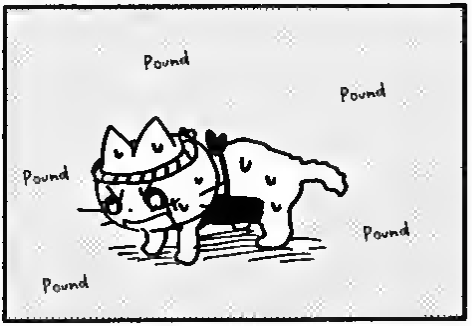
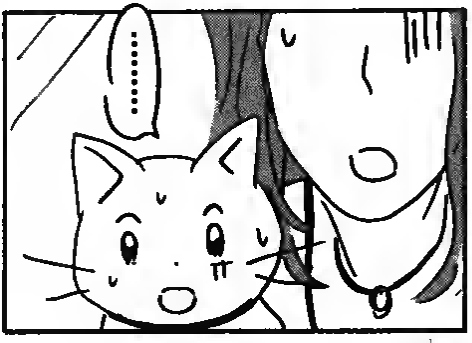
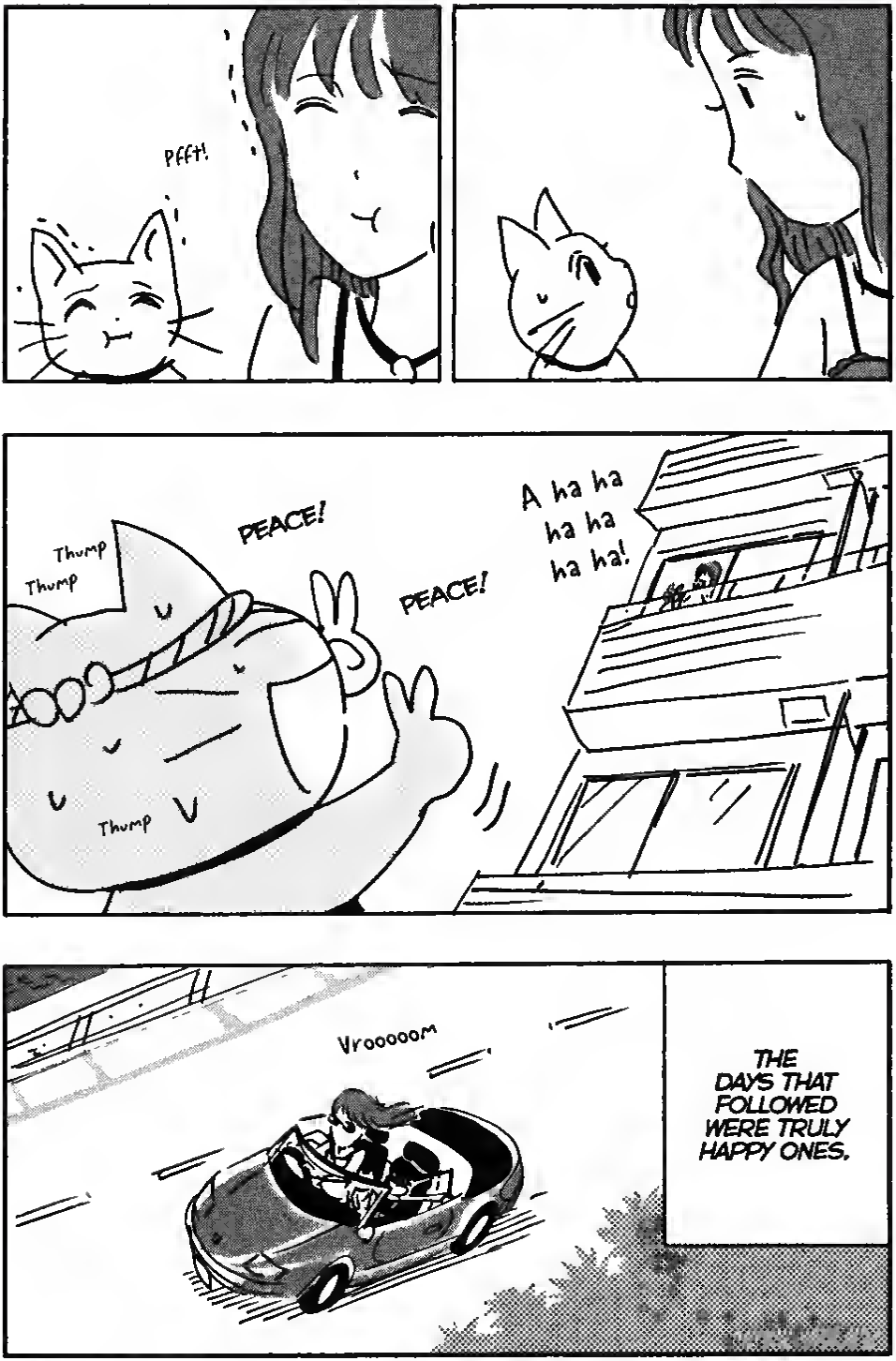
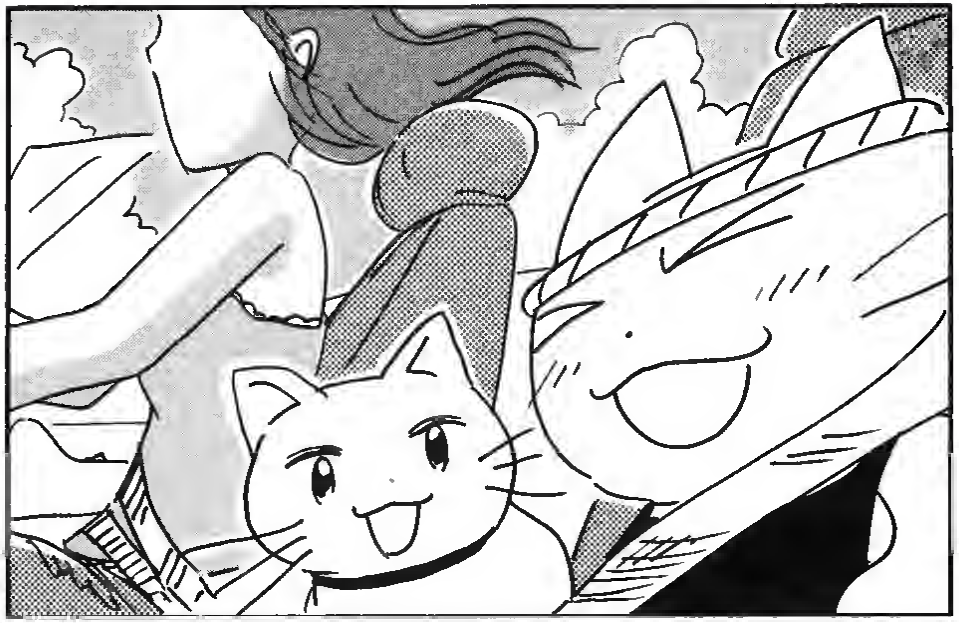
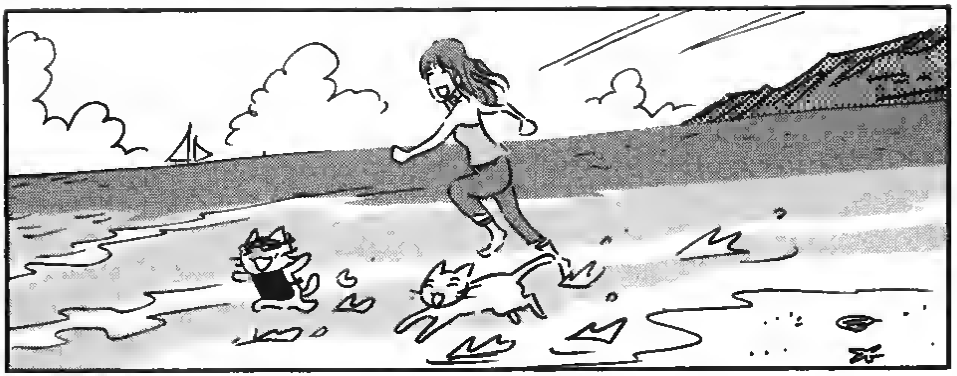

ALL RIGHT!!
Throb
Throb
Throb
Throb

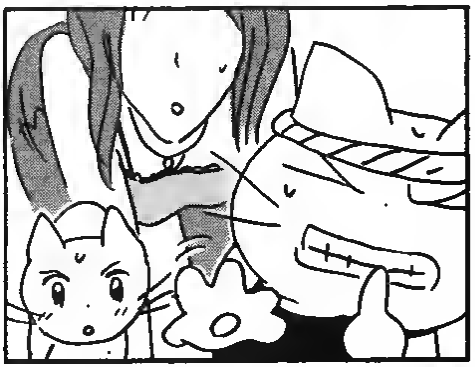

Pound
Pound
Pound
Pound
Pound



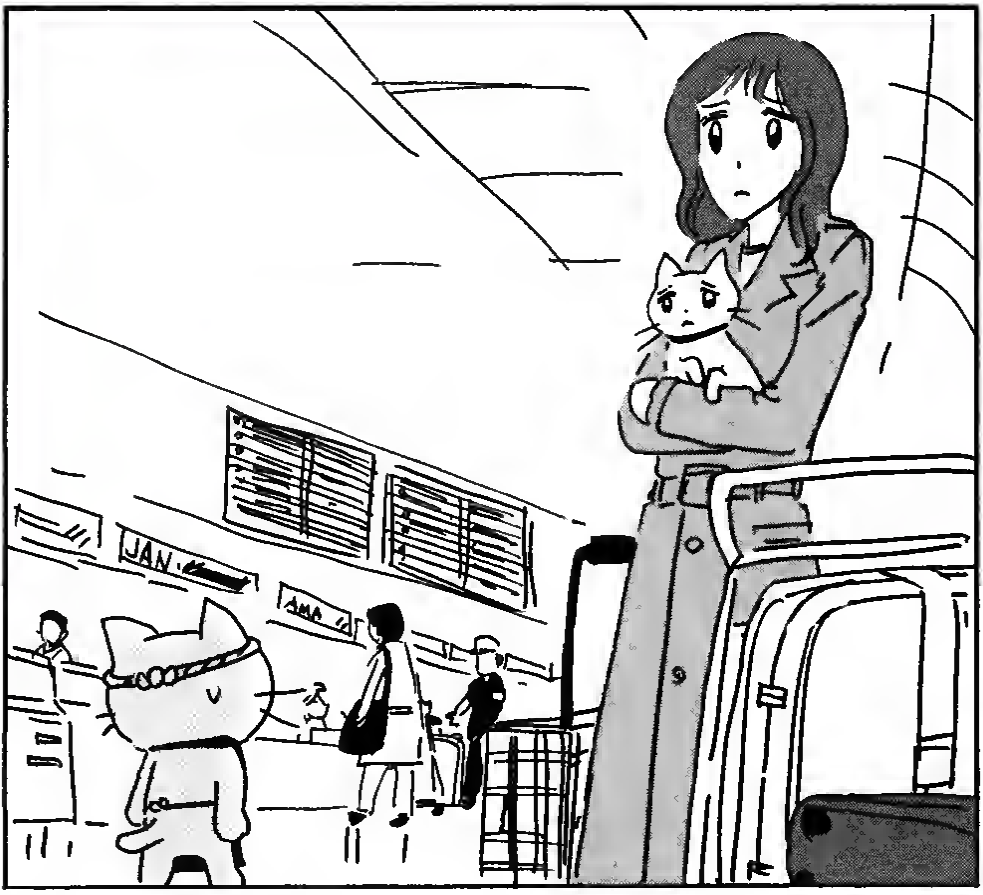

Pfft!
Thump
Thump
PEACE!
PEACE!
Thump
A ha ha
ha ha
ha ha!
Vrooooom
THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WERE TRULY HAPPY ONES.



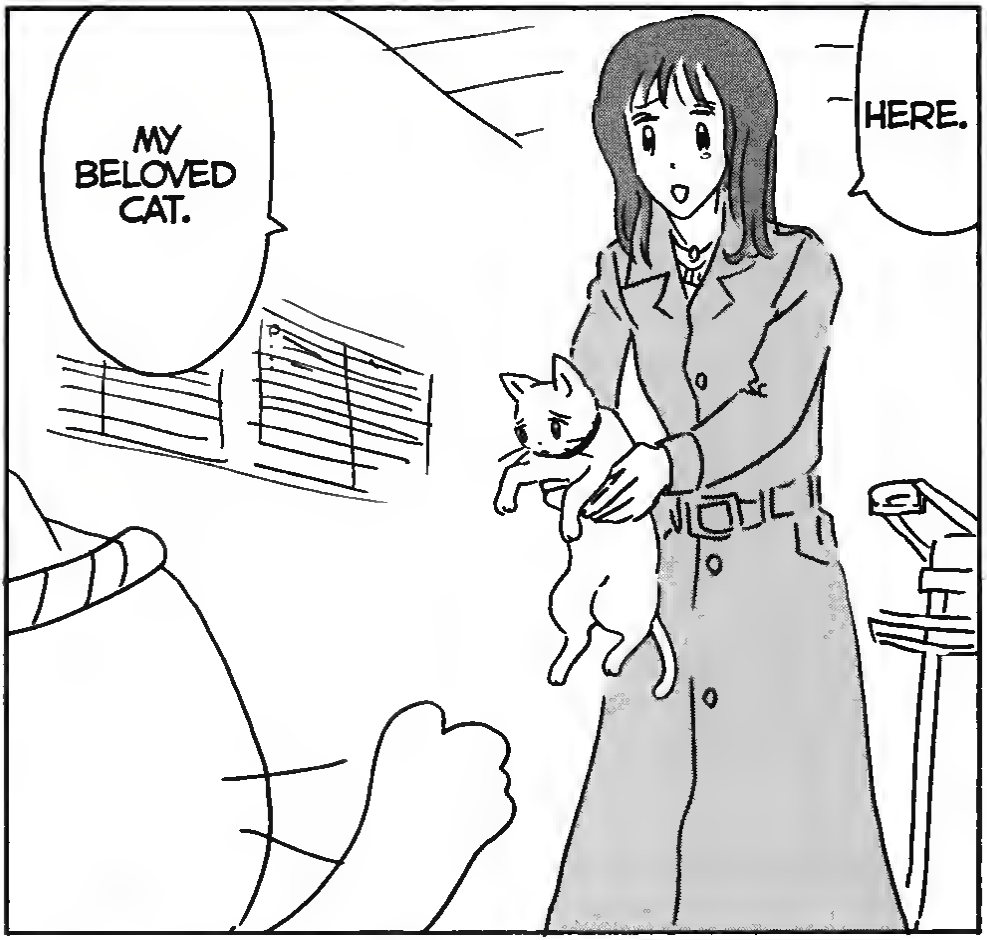


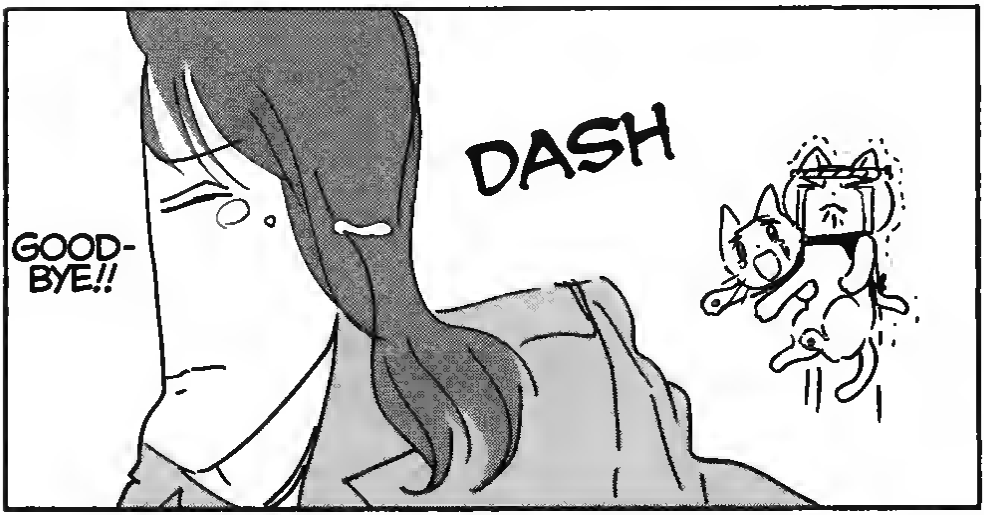


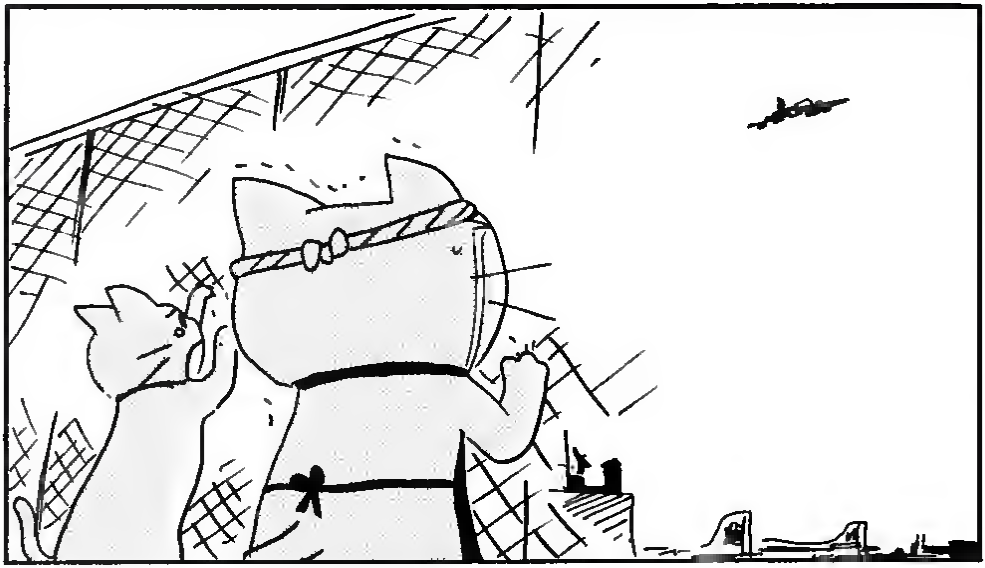
SO?! WHAT HAPPENED TO HER AFTER THAT?!
WELL, YOU SEE...
IS...IS THAT SO...?
IT WAS LIKE A DREAM.
元祖猫

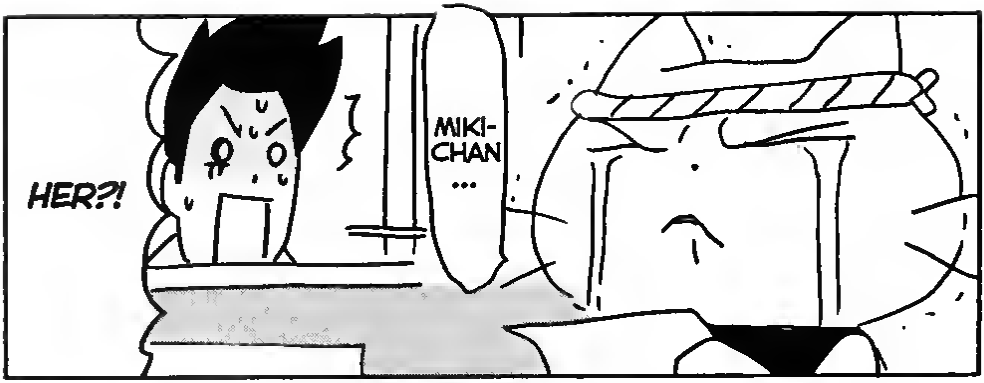

JAN
I'M GOING TO STUDY ABROAD IN ENGLAND.
I'M SORRY ...

...
AND I HAVE A REQUEST ...
...AND I'LL RETURN TO JAPAN, SO...
I SWEAR THAT SOMEDAY I'LL BE A FULLY-FLEDGED PIANIST...
...UNTIL THEN, PLEASE HOLD ONTO THIS FOR ME...

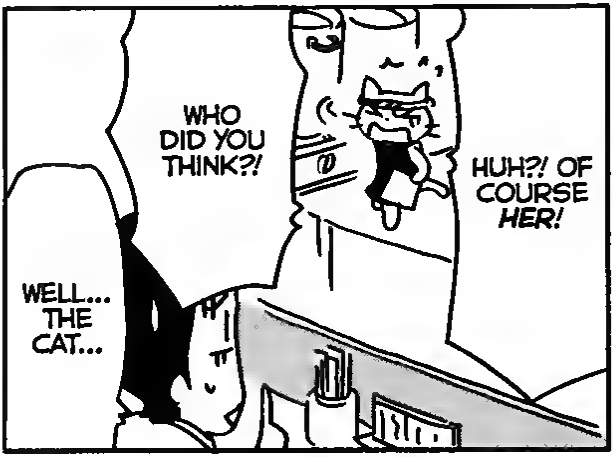

MY BELOVED CAT.
HERE.


GOOD-BYE!!
DASH




HER?!
MIKI-CHAN ...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHY ...?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! WHY THE HECK WOULD I BE WITH A CAT?!
A ha ha ha ha!


WELL... THE CAT...
WHO DID YOU THINK?!
HUH?! OF COURSE HER!

MEOOOOW
YEP! IT'S HER PET...
OH?! IS THAT CAT, BY CHANCE ...?
Crunch
Crunch
Rustle
Rustle
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, HERE'S YOUR FOOD!
Meaoow
IT'S A GUY?!
Crunch
Crunch
Crunch
HIS NAME'S GORO!
Goro

Special Supplement

THIS IS TAISHO!!

- Real Name: William Thomas Jefferson III
- Commonly Known As: Taisho
- Breed: American Shorthair
- Blood Type: A?
- Birthday: February 22nd
- Birthplace: Downtown Tokyo
- Hobbies: Shopping online, television shopping
- Residence: Lives alone in an apartment in the park a couple minutes walk from the shop. Currently looking into purchasing a high-rise condo in the near future.

A memorable headband given to him by his mentor. (Has two others.)
Soft contact lenses. (Custom made)
Height: About 2'
Weight: About 13 lbs
Carefully selected Kurashiki-navy apron (purchased online)
Shoe Size: About 1"

And...

THIS IS TANAKA-SAN!!

- Real Name: Koichi Tanaka
- Age: 25
- Blood type: A
- Height: 5'9"
- Weight: 132 lbs
- Birthday: April 15th
- Sign: Aries
- Birthplace: Kanagawa Prefecture
- Job: Sales rep for a major telephone manufacturing company (Entry level position)
- Residence: Lives alone in a studio apartment he rents in the city.
- Shoe Size: Size 8½
- Eyesight: Right: 1.2, Left: 1.2
- Permanent Press Dress Shirt
- Hobbies: Music appreciation (always looking for popular songs for karaoke)
- Favorite Sport: Tennis (A member of a tennis club in his college days.)